

# The SBC "Pioneer Movement": The Beginnings

**NOTE:** The Southern Baptist Convention works in all 50 states, with a variety of churches (34,665) and ministries expressing the vitality of a 12.3-million-member denomination, which has grown from its old South rural setting of the SBC's founding in 1945 to the nation's largest Protestant - evangelical denomination. Much of what the SBC is today, is the result of what's generally known as the "Pioneer Movement" — the missions thrust, beginning essentially in the early 1940s, into the states outside the old South. Largely it's the story of the people who forged the work, the state conventions they established and Southern Baptists' national missions work through their Home Mission Board. This is a

three-part series on the "Pioneer Movement" into new territory. by Everett Hullum Jr. and Kim Watson For Baptist Press

No air conditioning existed then, and the 4,774 registered "messengers" to the 1942 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention — their shirts and dresses wet with sweat — sat in the oven-dry confines of San Antonio's Municipal Auditorium. Listening, nodding, amending, dozing, they kept alive the paper-shuffling, humming undercurrent of all conventions as they talked to old friends, neighbors, new acquaintances.

On the afternoon of the third day — a hot, cloudless Monday — J. B. Rounds, a messenger from Okla-

homa, made his crucial motion.

Many in the hall had looked to avoid a floor fight, when moments before, the committee that had been studying the question under debate moved to continue its work an additional year. But Rounds would have none of that.

"After a careful study of the situation and in consideration of the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of this Convention," Rounds moved in his minority report, "we recommend that the Southern Baptist General Convention of the State of California be admitted to membership in the Southern Baptist Convention."

More followed, but few heard it. The debate that had been anticipated for weeks — state Baptist papers had

trumpeted its pros and cons — was begun.

And the vote, when it finally came, was close. No one even seemed to notice it was precedent setting in that a state convention — not messengers from churches — was admitted to SBC membership. Nevertheless, the motion carried.

"That may have been the most meaningful decision in Southern Baptist Convention life since it was founded in 1845," says Bill Humke, a regional coordinator for the SBC Home Mission Board, reflecting on the significance of the vote.

Among other things, the vote was a product of the times. The conditions of the 1930s had begun hurling South-

thern Baptists — around the nation. In the fierce, desperate heat of the Depression and the dustbowl, Texans' and Oklahomans' and Arkansans' roots dried up, and they were blown toward California. In a decade, the Pacific coast state grew by a million people, more than one third of them from the Southwest.

**Rural Oriented**

They came from what was then a predominantly rural-oriented, deep South-saturated Southern Baptist Convention, made up of 15 state conventions, born in the 1800's, and four newcomers, formed between 1906 and 1928, which were beginning to indicate, even then, the broader approach of years to come.

The 15 older state conventions were

Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The newer conventions, founded even before the expansive pioneer thrust into new areas, were Oklahoma (1906), Illinois (1907), New Mexico (1912) and Arizona (1928).

With those 19 state conventions in the fold, with some 3.7 million members, the stage was set for expansion which has resulted, today, in 33 state conventions covering 50 states and counting 34,665 churches with 12.3 million members.

That represents the nation's largest Protestant - evangelical denomination. (Continued On Page 5)

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### Name Study Group Seeks Mississippi Input On Ballots

A Southern Baptist Convention committee is involved in a study of the name of the convention, seeking to determine if Southern Baptists want it changed and, if so, some possible choices.

The committee is seeking suggestions from Southern Baptists across the nation, and a ballot for use by Mississippians is located on Page 3. These ballots are designed to give Mississippi Baptists an opportunity to have an influence on any decision about changing the name and of suggesting new names should the decision of the convention be to change it.

The ballots from Mississippi will be received and counted in the office of The Baptist Record and the results delivered to the Southern Baptist committee making the study. The study committee was appointed by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention following action by the convention in 1974 in Dallas. The ballots should be mailed no later than Feb. 7 in order to be in the The Baptist Record office no later than Feb. 10.

### 1,000 A Day In India

## Success May Push BWA Evangelism Effort Past 1975

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The world evangelism trust of the Baptist World Alliance, scheduled to end this year, has gained so much momentum it will probably continue indefinitely, according to a report written by C. E. Bryant of the BWA headquarters.

The five-year World Mission of Reconciliation was launched in 1970 by the 12th Baptist World Congress with a twin goal of evangelism and projects of Christian brotherhood and ministry.

Reports of tens of thousands of converts to Christianity as a result of the campaign have reached BWA offices here. Some churches in India report baptizing more than a thousand new believers in a single day. Nigeria Baptists are engaged in a campaign to boost their membership from 408,000 to 1 million by their 1982 centennial.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, said the worldwide emphasis

on evangelism and Christian ministry has gathered so much momentum that it is no longer dependent on calendar schedules and promotional literature.

He said hundreds of thousands of Baptists in almost 100 countries are now engaged in acts of evangelism and Christian service. The world mission calendar adopted in 1970 set the years 1971 - 1975 as a time of preparation, with the 1973 - 75 period as a time for action.

Activity undertaken by the Baptists of the Soviet Union in 1973 is viewed now as prophetic. They refused to print the dates "1973-75" as part of their official emblem for the campaign, saying they could not limit their responsibilities of reconciliation to three years.

"It is a continuous obligation that must never end until Christ comes again," Russian Baptists said.

The USSR has the third largest (Continued On Page 3)

## Impact '80s Conference Points Toward Next Decade

NASHVILLE (BP) — More than 200 persons from across the spectrum of Southern Baptist Convention life have completed three days here at an "Impact '80s National Leadership Conference" planning denominational objectives and goals for the next decade.

Dealing with such areas as church objectives, denominational objectives, critical concerns, and emphases for the 1980s, the participants from churches, associations, state conventions, and SBC agencies painted with a broad brush to set the agenda for a 16-person Impact '80s Group subcommittee of the SBC Inter-Agency Council.

That group of the Inter-Agency Council, sponsor of the three-day meeting, represents step three in winnowing, distilling and summarizing massive input, which began, in step

one, with 25 committees, which met twice throughout the United States to gather grass roots grist for the Impact '80s conference mill.

**Bring a Summary**  
In May, the Impact '80 Group will bring a summary of the conference and of further data gathered in surveys of pastors, lay persons, and denominational leaders to the Inter-Agency Council, which will make recommendations for the SBC Executive Committee to act upon and bring to the SBC annual sessions for action in June in Miami Beach.

The Impact '80s conference surfaced concerns about how the nation's largest Protestant - evangelical denomination can continue to expand its multitude of ministries around the world in a changing, complex society.

Major emphasis centered on accomplishing that aim with a program (Continued On Page 2)

### U. S. Bicentennial

## Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Sets National Meet For '76

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Woman's Missionary Union will observe the U. S. bicentennial, host a national convention for Baptist young women, and give mission study a special shot in the arm as a result of action taken here during the executive board meeting of Southern Baptists' national women's auxiliary.

The executive board, made up of nationally-elected officers and the president of each state WMU, was joined by state WMU staff members for the deliberation.

The women voted a bicentennial flavor into WMU plans for 1976, calling for state-sponsored tours of historic U. S. and Baptist sites and for historic features in WMU meetings and periodicals.

The board authorized the first national convention for Baptist Young Women (WMU members, ages 18-29), June 11-14, 1976, in conjunction with the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., prior to the Southern Baptist Convention

annual meeting.

**Outstanding Women**

WMU will produce a book in its Spiritual Development Series, featuring outstanding women in Baptist history. The book will be studied by Baptist women and Baptist young women on or near July 4, 1976.

Acteens for girls 12-17, and Girls in Action, for girls 6-11, both mission education programs, will participate in art and writing contests keyed to the bicentennial.

Proposals for bicentennial activities were made by a special committee representing state WMUs. Sara Ann Hobbs, WMU executive secretary in North Carolina, is committee chairwoman.

In other business, the board adopted a 546-page compilation of WMU activities for 1976-77. The plans were developed by national headquarters staff and work group of WMU leaders, chaired by Mrs. Huber Drumwright, WMU board member from Fort Worth, Tex.

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## Acteens Celebration Set Feb. 21 At Blue Mountain

The High School Acteens Celebration (for girls in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades) is scheduled for February 21-22, at Blue Mountain College. The Celebration will begin with supper at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The weekend will close on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Registration forms for the weekend have been sent to all WMU Directors in North Mississippi. "The registration capacity at Blue Mountain is 200 girls — so send your registration NOW," Miss Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director, said. Also, we need one leader for every five Acteens, please," she added.

The \$6.00 registration fee per person and the registration form should be sent to the WMU Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. Refunds on registration will not be available after Feb. 20.

The theme for the weekend celebration will be "Listen To Your World." Speakers will include Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionary wife, Vietnam, and Mrs. Homer Joiner of Alabama, an Acteens leader and a writer for AC-CENT magazine.

Work groups for officers, members,

and leaders of Acteens will be featured on Saturday morning. These will be led by Mrs. James Burns, Tupelo; Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary, Mississippi WMU, Jackson;

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### Annie Armstrong Offering Final Tally Is \$8,130,142

ATLANTA (BP) — Final figures on the 1974 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering show Southern Baptists gave an all-time record \$8,130,142 to support home missions efforts around the nation.

The final tally was almost \$1 million more than the goal of \$7.2 million and was \$1,245,604 more than the \$6,884,538 given in 1973. The offering was up 18 per cent over last year.

Goal for the 1975 offering is \$8.5 million. The Southern Baptist Convention Week of Prayer for Home Missions is March 1-9. Theme of the week is "Herein is Hope."

## Tornado Survey Indicates Need Of \$20,000 For Relief

A survey by Pike County Baptist Association officials has revealed that at least 28 Baptist families need financial assistance as a result of the tornado that struck that area Jan. 10.

In a letter to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary — treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Rev. Glen T. Williams, director of missions for the association, said that the survey has indicated that "total of these needs that we really need to meet as Baptists is about \$19,500."

Rev. Williams has suggested that the financial assistance to help in the restoration of church buildings in the area should range from about \$1,500 to \$5,000.

He has suggested financial assistance for Baptist families in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 per family. He added, "We have not considered those who are adequately covered by insurance or who seem to be

able to recover loss without financial devastation.

"Every possible effort will be made to disburse any funds received on a priority basis in an effort to help hurt humanity out of this tragedy. We will have a committee of at least five who will consider and be responsible for the distribution of funds. A complete report will be given as soon as (Continued On Page 2)

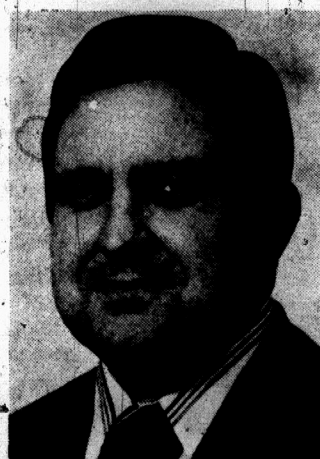
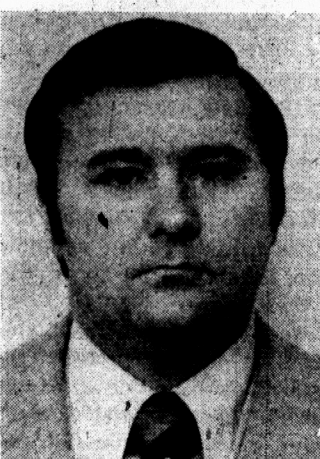
### SBC Race Relations Sunday In Feb. 9

Race Relations Sunday, an annual emphasis among Southern Baptist churches across the nation, is Feb. 9.

The observance is sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Floyd A. Craig, public relations director for the commission, said:

"The purpose of a race relations emphasis in a local church — whether it be a beginning effort on Feb. 9 or another step in the process already begun — is to lead us to a better understanding of our racial differences and our Christian responsibilities to them. The emphasis seeks to deal with our attitudes toward all people — whatever color, race, or national origin."

Race Relations Sunday was first placed on the denominational calendar in 1966.



### Evangelism Conference Personalities

Six Mississippians will appear on the program of the Evangelism Conference Feb. 3-5 at Oakhurst Church in Clarksdale. In addition Mrs. Martha Branham, top right, of Dallas, will present special music. Others on the top row are, left to right, Dr. J. Roy McComb,

Pearl; Rev. Ferrell Cork, Aberdeen, and Rev. James Keith, Laurel. On the bottom row are, left to right, Rev. Leon Young, Meridian; Rev. Jerry Mixon, Petal; and Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson.



## Baptist Women Set Meet For 1976

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WMU activities and materials for 1976-77 are pegged to a two-pronged emphasis. "Minding the Future" will accent upgrading and enlarging of WMU organizations for preschoolers and girls; "Teach Missions; To Know, To Grow" will involve women and girls in innovative mission study approaches.

**Untapped Resource**  
The 150 women heard Carolyn Weatherford, national WMU executive secretary, say that women are the greatest untapped resource of Southern Baptists.

Miss Weatherford, in her first address to the board since taking office October 7, said, "Woman's Missionary Union has a responsibility to women. We do not want to defeat our basic missionary purpose by becoming aggressive feminists, yet we must help women to develop an awareness of their worth in the Lord's sight."

She voiced the necessity for WMU to live up to its name as a "woman's" organization. "We must seek to meet the needs of individual women in their setting," she said.

Miss Weatherford said that being a woman's organization is not alone sufficient reason for WMU's existence and urged the WMU leaders to value the importance of their missions work.

**Noble Purpose**  
"There is not much to be said for liberating persons if there is not some challenging and noble purpose for which they are liberated," she said. "We do not have time for fascinating side-tracks that make us a church P-T-A or social outlet for women."

In a union of church, associational, and statewide WMU organizations, women have the capacity to give strong support to missions, she continued. "The time is right for WMU because it is right for women. We have come to a new consciousness of ourselves and our potential, and we will not be defeated," she said.

Almost 100 WMU leaders remained in Birmingham after the Executive Board meeting adjourned for a day-long seminar entitled, "Freedom for the Christian Woman." The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conducted the study at the request of WMU.

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria** — The final meeting of a series of evangelistic crusades in 1974 was held here recently. During the concluding crusade 777 made professions of faith, 250 attended lay witness schools, and 811 made rededications.

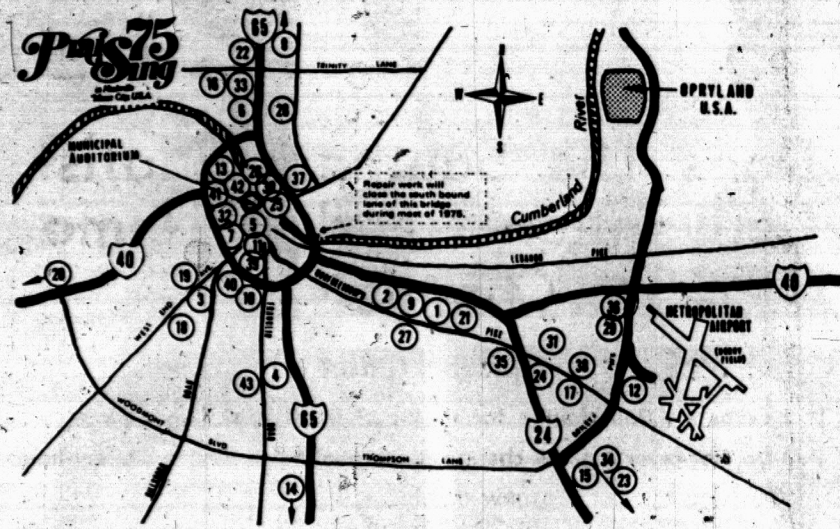
Jerry Clower

## PraiSing '75: March 10-13



**NASHVILLE** — JERRY CLOWER, comedian and Grand Ole Opry star from Yazoo City, Miss., will serve as master of ceremonies for the gospel-country program on Wednesday night of PraiSing '75 here, March 10-13.

**NASHVILLE** — A housing bureau has been established to assist persons wishing to attend PraiSing '75 here March 10-13, 1975. For reservations, write to PraiSing '75 Housing Bureau, 161 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37219. Include in housing request first four choices of hotel or motel, arrival and departure dates, type of room desired (number of persons and beds per room) and names and addresses for all occupants. See map for location and price of motels and hotels. All requests should be made before Feb. 14, 1975. PraiSing '75 is sponsored by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



NAME	LOCATION	1 Room	2 Rooms	3 Rooms	4 Rooms
Adams Hotel	400 Montgomery Road	\$12.00-14.00	\$14.00-16.00	\$16.00-18.00	\$18.00-20.00
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Participants in the Mid-Winter Bible Conference in Smith Association at First Church, Taylorsville, compare notes following one of the sessions. Left to right, they are Dr. Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. W. C. Burns, host pastor and music director for the conference; Rev. Charlie Bryant,

## Mid-Winter Bible Conference

director of missions for the association; Martha Branham, Dallas soloist who presented special music at each session; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson.

## 50th Anniversary

## An Eyewitness Tells Of Cooperative Program Birth

By Baptist Press

Louis D. Newton of Atlanta was an eyewitness to the birth of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and events surrounding its early days in the 1920s and 30s.

This is the 50th Anniversary year of the founding of the Cooperative Program.

He recalls the despair of many Baptists during the convention's days of heavy debts when the banks were pressing in on all sides up into the 30s and early 40s.

Newton, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, was editor of The Christian Index, news publication of Georgia Baptists, when the Cooperative Program became reality 50 years ago. He's now living in retirement in Georgia.

Newton was one of the "minds," one observer noted, behind the Cooperative Program, often called the financial lifeline to missions and cooperation of Southern Baptists.

**Single Man**  
Newton, however, credits a single man, the late Austin Crouch, a native Missourian and the first executive secretary of the Executive Committee, SBC, as the "mind behind the Cooperative Program."

"You know the history of every great movement, of every institution is the lengthened shadow of a man," Newton told A. Ronald Tonks of

the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in an oral history interview.

"Now that man Austin Crouch... He'd talk about the limbs of the cedars in Lebanon where those storms sweep up from the Sea of Galilee. Those limbs were joined together and they stood against the storm."

It was Crouch, who in 1925, the year of the Cooperative Program was formally adopted by Southern Baptists, urged that a business efficiency committee be formed to study the financial stability of the Convention. He had urged full cooperation and a plan long before the Cooperative Program was begun.

Crouch was named chairman of that committee, leading in a revamping of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and finally installing a business and financial plan.

### Secure Staff

Two years later, when the convention recommended that the Executive Committee, SBC, secure a staff and assume responsibility for distribution of SBC-wide receipts to the various mission agencies and other causes, Crouch was named the first executive secretary - treasurer of the committee.

Crouch would say, according to Newton, "We've got to voluntarily — it can't be by compulsion it can't be pressure — but we've got to study and pray until we see the wisdom of working together, giving together."

"Dr. Crouch, was the one man, apparently," Newton continued, "who was aware of this inevitable hour (of impending depression) and when the Depression of 1921 was coming along and people were getting not only alarmed but panicky over what was going to happen, then Dr. Crouch said:

"I'm not going to say I told you so, but I am going to say you see now why I have been so concerned that we do set up this mode of operation by which we can pool the credits of the convention and the confidence in the convention's work."

### Primary Figure

Newton and other sources credit Crouch as a primary figure in later paying off heavy debts of Southern Baptists, when the banks were leaning hard and wanting their money.

After talking with Crouch and his colleagues, the banks determined that the "good name of Southern Baptists," was sufficient collateral to pay the convention - wide debts.

Southern Baptists, through their cooperative efforts eventually paid in full interest and principal of all their national debts, which added up to millions of dollars. This Newton noted, was true while some religious bodies were said to be taking discounts on their loans.

Newton recalls long days and nights at the Sam Davis Hotel in Nashville working with Crouch and other executives of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies over the financial status of the SBC.

Following the formation of the Cooperative Program in 1925, many states were still slow to cooperate, yet Crouch succeeded in leading each into cooperation.

But Crouch wasn't without his problems. He and the Executive Committee met with resistance from pastors and others who were afraid that the committee represented the beginnings of some form of "super church."

### Viewed as Threat

Crouch was also resisted by some Southern Baptist agency executives who viewed the Executive Committee as a threat to their direct responsibility to the convention. But Crouch's "firmness and fairness" in administration soon dispelled opposition to the convention. Crouch died in August, 1957.

Many great men and women were prominent in formulating the Cooperative Program, not the least of whom was M. E. Dodd, of Louisiana, who

## MC's Annual

## REW Week

## February 10-14

Mississippi College will hold its annual Religious Emphasis Week February 10-14 with "Courage to Care" selected as this year's theme.

A lineup of speakers from throughout various segments of Southern Baptist life have been lined up to lead the week by student co-chairmen Mary Bean of Bessemer, Ala., and Tommy Anthony of Jackson.

Appearing on program during the week will be Floyd A. Craig, director of public relations, Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. Kenneth Lyle, superintendent of missions for the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association; Ms. Nell Magee, consultant and leadership development with the National Student Ministries, Sunday School Board of the SBC, Rev. Lewis Myers, Jr., missionary to Viet Nam; and Rev. Dan Yeary, associate pastor of the South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus and coordinator for the week, said program sessions would be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Seminars will be conducted on Monday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The visiting REW personalities will also be serving as guest lecturers in various classes at the college during the week.

## SBC Impact '80s Conference Held

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which will "continue to be rooted in the Baptist heritage."

"We must face the changes of the modern world," a participant declared, reflecting the group's consensus, "but with ministries anchored in the unchanging message of Jesus Christ."

In that context, the group reflected major concern about how to help the denomination's 34,665 churches do a better job of reaching people.

Participants experienced a degree of frustration in coping with how the SBC, which reaches into 50 states and 82 countries around the world, could come to grips with multitudes of need and opportunities for ministry.

"We may be frustrated," declared conference speaker, Dotson Nelson, a pastor from Alabama, "but it is nothing compared to the frustration Jesus' disciples must have felt when he pointed to them and said, 'There is the world.'"

The conference expressed concern in the areas of family relationships, Bible study, training of leaders at all levels, church growth, church purpose and planning, Christian discipleship, Baptist distinctives, community ministry, stewardship de-

velopment, missions, Christian fellowship, and evangelism.

Grady Cothen, president-elect of the SBC's Sunday School Board, a conference speaker, reminded the participants, "People want to speak their piece. Rather than diminishing their voices, I think we need to tune them in until we've heard them all. The potential of this meeting is that those of us charged with responsibility will hear the voices."

"The wide divergence of opinions among Southern Baptists," Cothen said, "constitutes one of our greatest strengths."

**MADRID, Spain** — Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Prieto are Cubans living in Spain. As new members of the congregation that Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten attend, the Whittens, Southern Baptist missionaries, decided to have them come to dinner. During the meal Mrs. Prieto confided that her husband was not a Christian although he attended church with her. They prayed for Prieto and the next day they attended services together. When the invitation was given it was Mrs. Prieto who made a profession of faith, saying that though she had been active in church she really wasn't a Christian. "We feel sure that Prieto will come soon," said Mrs. Whitten.

## In Southeast Asia

## Mobile Medical Clinics Effective In Ministry

**RICHMOND (BP)** — Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam and the Philippines have begun mobile medical ministries serving the remotest parts of the lands, providing medication and treatment while spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Saigon, a converted U.S. military snack truck now functions as a Baptist mobile medical clinic, while in the Philippines a mobile clinic was built on a landrover chassis.

Gene V. Tunnell, missionary in charge of the Vietnam Christian social ministries program, admits that the mobile medical van operates on a "financial shoestring." But in the same breath he explains, "We launched the ministry in faith that God would supply continuing needs for the ministry."

Some funds to purchase and equip the van in Vietnam were provided by First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., while the \$10,000 needed for the van in Davao City, Philippines, came from Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds.

Under the direction of the department of Christian social ministries of the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), the van is staffed by three women: Dr. Nghiem Thi Thuan, a Vietnamese doctor; Mrs. Samuel M. James, Southern Baptist missionary nurse; and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionary.

Because of limited funds and personnel, the mobile clinic is only operating two days a week on the outskirts of Saigon. But all services of the clinic are free, including medicines.

### Provide Help

At each stop, the van is parked at a Baptist church where members provide help in scheduling and counseling the patients. Other lay people encourage new patients, pray with them, and provide Christian tracts.

One Vietnamese pastor feels the medical ministry is the most meaningful ministry his church has ever experienced. "We have seen personally how we are helped by helping others," he said. In Vietnam, there is only one doctor for every 9,000 people.

The Philippines' medical van, that sleeps four, is under the direction of Dr. Charles C. Norwood, Southern Baptist missionary. Norwood says he will go anywhere, anytime with his van to minister to the people. At present, the Davao Oriental Province has been chosen for the medical work and Norwood hopes to be operating as many as four days a week.

Although the Mati Hospital mobile clinic will be the first operating in Mindanao, Norwood will not be a stranger to the people. He will be aided by barrio captains (local commun-

ity leaders), rural health officers, and other persons in the medical van vicinity.

Norwood, who has served at the 42-bed Mati Hospital since 1960, has been making trips into the tribal areas of Mindanao, often accompanied by a Filipino pastor. He would treat patients during the day and at night would conduct evangelistic services.

### Minor Surgery

Now, with the aid of the medical van, missionary press representative Robert L. Stanley says, "He can perform minor surgery, do basic lab analyses, and even spend the night out in the remote areas when necessary."

In addition, the van is equipped with a portable generator that will allow the doctor to show movies on health, family planning and nutrition.

Although no sophisticated medical treatment is performed in Vietnam's mobile clinic, Mrs. James says that one of the most vital ministries is the referral service. "Many of the patients come in desperation," she said, "because they have no funds to go to expensive or distant hospitals." They are referred to nearby government or private medical facilities, she noted.

Because of the successes, the mobile medical van operations will continue in Southeast Asia. Tunnell expressed the hope that other clinics can be started throughout Vietnam. He added, "Personnel and medical supplies, especially medicines, are the hurdles which have to be overcome."

## Music Evangelists

## Slate Program

## During Conference

Pastors and others attending the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference next week in Clarksdale are being invited to attend an annual program sponsored by the Mississippi Fellowship of Evangelists.

Ed Bryon of Clinton, president of the fellowship, said the program would be, to a great extent, entertainment provided by the music directors of the fellowship. Any new evangelists in the state will be introduced during the evening, he said.

The program will be held at Clarksdale Church, across from the new auditorium, following the Tuesday evening session. Evening sessions of the Evangelism Conference will be held in the City Auditorium.

Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelists from Tupelo, will be program hosts during the evening. It will be a come and go affair, Bryon said.

## SBC Impact '80s Conference Held

Citing fragmentation of society and the need to deal with people who cannot cope with it, Cothen said, "Increasing fragmentation will require a change of structures. We cannot be bound by the structures of yesterday, if we meet the needs of tomorrow. 'All we've said comes back,' he added, "to the centrality of the Great Commission" of Christ to win the world.

**DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda** — long-range planning program for Southern Baptist missionaries in the Caribbean has reached the halfway point, according to missionary press representative Mrs. Mary Harris. Under the overall direction of Dr. W. L. Howse, formerly of the Sunday School Board, the report is expected to be completed in 1976.

**MANILA, Philippines** — The 17-member Baptist Hour Choir, which sings on The Baptist Hour radio and television programs here, visited local churches on a tour that included performances at two United States military bases.

## Acteens Celebration

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Mrs. Robert Dent, Holly Springs; and Mrs. John Causey, Corinth. A special group "For Seniors" (graduating) Only" will be meeting with Mrs. Frank Lay, New Albany.

Acteens will be participating on the program during each session by sharing in prayer experiences, relating mission action projects and mission studies, and discussing SMAY projects.

One important presentation will be a feature on NAC — the National Acteens Conference which will be in Memphis, Tenn., June 25-29, 1975.



Miss Hopkins

Mrs. Myers



# Money Better Than Goods In Baptist Relief Abroad

RICHMOND (BP) — Dollars continue to be the most rapid and efficient form for relief according to a Southern Baptist missionary formerly stationed in Bangladesh and now an area missionary in the Middle East.

Troy Bennett, one of the pioneer missionaries to Bangladesh, underscored the problems there.

"The news from Bangladesh is not good," he said. "Unless something really dramatic happens in the hearts of those able to help as well as those who receive, it seems very likely that millions will die of starvation and millions more will have to live with the awareness that 'there ought to be something we can do about it.'"

To those who would help, Bennett said, "It is best not to send material goods to our missionaries in Bangladesh unless you hear from them with clear evidence to receive it."

He warned those who are eager to send clothing or even food directly to Bangladesh, "Your contribution may be thrown aside somewhere for lack of permission to receive it. However, you can send money to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board."

Money received by the board for relief is immediately placed at the disposal of missionaries in the devastated area for approval relief projects.

According to information received from J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, mission-

aries in Bangladesh are helping to erect new shelters; dig shallow, fresh water wells, fund agricultural projects for long range solutions to hunger; and purchase and distribute food and medical supplies.

The Foreign Mission Board is an authorized channel for Southern Baptist overseas relief money.

"No other agency or avenue of relief provides Southern Baptists as direct a channel to needy people overseas," said Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Board's Mission Support Division. "Because of its ongoing missionary endeavor in many of the areas threatened by famine or devastated by disaster, the Foreign Mission Board is able to translate relief funds — dollar for dollar — into relief needs without overhead or administrative costs."

Fletcher pointed out that while Southern Baptist Convention agencies are prohibited by the convention's business and financial plan from making direct appeals for relief funds, the Foreign Mission Board is encouraged by its program statement to circulate needs and publicize projects currently being funded by money given by Southern Baptists.

Fletcher, insisting that every dollar sent for relief designated for a particular place goes directly to that place, concluded, "The Foreign Mission Board is the most efficient channel Southern Baptists have."

## Lowndes Succeeds James As N. Y. Executive Secretary

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (BP) — Jack P. Lowndes, 51, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Va., has been elected as the second executive secretary-treasurer in the seven-year history of the Baptist Convention of New York.

He will succeed Paul James, who retires March 1, as chief executive of the convention. He also succeeds James as editor of the New York Baptist, convention news publication.

James, then under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, pioneered Southern Baptist work in the area now covered by the New York convention for a decade before the convention organized in 1968.

The convention covers all of New York State, the northern half of New Jersey and a small portion of Connecticut, and it has grown in 17 years including the period before official

recognition as a convention) from three congregations to 150. Membership exceeds 15,400 and the total budget, which continues to include a supplement from the Home Mission Board, is currently \$762,000.

Lowndes, immediate past president of the Home Mission Board's directors, has served the Arlington church since 1967. Before that, he spent 17 years as pastor of Baptist churches in Dandridge, Tenn.; Erlanger, Ky.; and Brunswick, Ga.

He is a native of Atlanta. He is a former vice-chairman of the Christian Life Commission and served on the SBC's '70 Onward Study Group.

He served as Acting Chaplain for the United States House of Representatives, 1968-72.

Lowndes holds a bachelor of arts degree from Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and an honorary doctor of law from Atlanta Law School.

## William Carey Homecoming, '75 Is Scheduled For February 8

Homecoming 1975 at William Carey College is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, with some pre-homecoming activities scheduled for Friday night, February 7.

Hundreds of alumni from across the south are expected to gather on the Hattiesburg campus to meet old friends and attend the re-dedication of Tatum Court. Having undergone a one-half million dollar renovation, the old administration building will be the scene for an open house on Homecoming afternoon from 4-5:30. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. F. Tatum will be unveiled. The J. D. Lewis Board of Trustees Room will also be opened to the public.

Registration is scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:30 in the new John D. and Ollie Thomas Business Administration Building. The annual alumni business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Kresge Room. Mrs. Elise

Curtis, president of the William Carey College Alumni Association, will preside.

The annual alumni Homecoming luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in Wilkes Dining Hall. Reservations must be made through the Alumni Office but tickets may be purchased at the door. During the luncheon hour the "Alumnus of the Year" as well as the class attendance award will be presented.

At 6:30 p.m. in Clinton Gym the Carey College Crusaders will play Montevillo in the Homecoming Basketball Game. Following the game the SGA will present a concert, featuring Ian Thomas, in Thomas Fine Arts auditorium.

A special pre-homecoming feature will be an Ole-Timers Basketball Game on Friday evening, February 7 at 7 p.m. in Clinton Gym. According

## Blue Mountain College SGA, And Jaycees To Sponsor 48-Mile Bike Marathon In April

A 48-mile marathon bike race will highlight Blue Mountain Day-1975 on April 12, on the campus of Blue Mountain College.

Co-sponsors of the day-long activities are the BMC Student Government Association and the Blue Mountain Jaycees, which was the top JC club in the state last year.

The race is being billed as "The Blue Mountain Challenge" and will be open to 4-member teams with each team providing its own 10-speed bike. Participants must be at least 15 years of age and each rider will have to make 8 laps around a demanding 1.5 mile course which will carry to the top of Blue Mountain.

Johnny Coombs, Blue Mountain JC President, said, "Each team

must have a sponsor and the entry fee is \$100 per team. This money, which is tax deductible, will go to fund a JC-SGA program which will allow the scholarship committee at the school to assist deserving students through this endowed project."

Blue Mountain SGA president Ann McKinney of Fayetteville, Tenn., said "We are encouraging both men and women to enter this exciting event and in addition to the top team winning some nice prizes their names will be placed on a permanent plaque in the Paschal Student Center at the college."

"Second and third place teams will also receive awards and all participants in the 48-mile race will get



TWO CAMPING TRAILERS MAKE A HOME. Ministerial student David Mitchell poses with his wife, Martha, and children, David, Jr., and Lei Ann at the entrance to their improvised residence at the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky. The two small camping trailers, owned by the Mitchells, were combined to provide temporary shelter for the young family as they await a student-family cottage or apartment to become available on the campus of the Kentucky theological school for adults. A record enrollment of 250 has exhausted Clear Creek's student housing facilities.

## Housing Shortage At Baptist School

PINEVILLE, Ky. — A critical shortage of ministerial student family housing has developed at the Clear Creek Baptist School, here, according to a recent announcement by the school's president.

The Rev. D. M. Aldridge, for 20 years president of the local theological school for adults said, "With a current enrollment of 250, all available student family housing facilities are occupied. Recently a family of four for several weeks paid \$52 per week rental on a cottage in the nearby Pine Mountain State Resort Park while awaiting housing to become available on our campus. Another family of three now live in one dormitory

room as they hopefully await for a student family cottage to become available. Another family of four live in two camping trailers, which they have placed side by side, as 'home' until adequate student housing becomes available to them."

"We are making a desperate effort to improve and enlarge cottages, apartments, and mobile homes to accommodate additional 1975 ministerial student applicants," the school president reported.

The Clear Creek Baptist School is the only Kentucky Baptist institution whose only purpose is to train adults for full time Christian service.

## Graded Choir Workers May Hear Perry Taylor At Brandon Workshop

Graded choir workers in the Brandon and greater Jackson area will have the opportunity to hear Perry Taylor, pictured, music consultant for the Texas Baptist Convention, in a workshop, co-sponsored by First Church, Brandon and the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Three two-hour sessions will be held at First Church, Brandon, beginning Friday evening, February 7, at 7 p.m., with the emphasis on four and five year-olds.

Saturday morning's session will begin at 9:30 and is entitled "Making Music with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders."

The concluding session on February 8 is "Making Music with 4th, 5th and 6th Graders" and will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Mike Masters, minister of music at Brandon, says that the purpose and timing of a workshop of this nature is to give children's choir workers a mid-year boost.

Mr. Taylor is a children's choir specialist and is recognized as one of the leading authorities in children's choir music. Prior to his joining the staff of the Texas Baptist Convention, he served as assistant minister of music at First Church, Dallas. He has led several choir workshops in Mississippi.

Interested persons are invited to attend any or all of these sessions. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee for each church sending workers. This one-time fee will enable all of the workers from a church to attend one

to Coach John Stephenson approximately 40 former Crusaders will be on hand. A coffeehouse honoring all former athletes will be held in Wilkes Dining Hall immediately following the game. Weather permitting an Ole-Timers Baseball Game will be played on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. prior to Homecoming Day activities.

All William Carey College alumni are urged to contact the school if they have not received invitations in the mail.

of all of the sessions. For specific registration information, please contact Mike Masters, First Baptist Church, Brandon.

## North Central States

### Brainstorm To Double Work

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — "Belling the Cat," the fable of mice who knew the job to be done but couldn't get past the talking stage, became the focus of attention for a meeting of Baptist leaders in the north central states.

The "cat" to be "belled," as illustrated by Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, is a goal of doubling the number of churches, missions and organized ministries in the region to 3,568 by 1990.

Having proposed the goal in 1972, the executive secretaries and other Baptist leaders from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin met in Indianapolis with area directors of missions and Southern Baptist Convention agency representatives to brainstorm ways to meet their goal.

## Beech Springs Pastor Ordained At 1st, New Albany

First Church, New Albany, ordained Jerry Watts to the gospel ministry on December 22, 1974. Dr. James Travis

brought the message to the church; Rev. Lowell Johnson brought the challenge; and the Bible was presented by Cecil Hill, the father-in-law of the candidate. Mr. Watts has been called as pastor of Beech Springs Church in Union County. He is married to the former Pat Hill and they have one daughter, Candy. Mr. Watts is a student at Blue Mountain College. Rev. William F. Evans is pastor of First Church, New Albany.

Watts

## English Baptists, Anglicans, Methodists Share Church

NORTHAMPTON, Eng. (BP) — A sunken baptistry for observance of baptism by immersion and an 18th century marblefont for christening stand side-by-side in Emmanuel Church here, where leaders of three denominations took part in dedication services.

Baptists, Anglicans, and Methodists share ownership, membership, and ministry in the new church, located in the Weston Favell Centre with shopping mall, schools, community theater, and sports center. Financing of the church facility came from local Baptist congregations, Anglican Church commissions, and the Methodist Rank Trust. The church is staffed by a Baptist, a Methodist, and two Anglican ministers, a report by European Baptist Press noted.

# Baptist Gains In Africa Attributed To Missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS) — Baptist churches in Africa are reported to be experiencing record membership increases, as a result of "spiritual awakening" and the evangelistic efforts of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Tanzania, Nigeria, Rhodesia, and Kenya were cited as African countries where major "evangelistic victories" were being scored.

The Foreign Mission Board was told here that 4,545 professions of faith in Christ were made in August during a special evangelistic campaign in Rhodesia which included 77 churches and preaching points.

Joseph B. Underwood, the board's consultant in evangelism and church development, told the Mission Board that during the first six months of 1974, Rhodesian Baptists baptized more new converts than any previous year of their history.

"Nigeria continues to be the scene of dramatic and spirit-inspiring triumphs," Mr. Underwood said, report-

ing on evangelistic campaigns there.

He said the last of 17 regional evangelistic campaigns was conducted in November. More than 25,000 public decisions to follow Christ were made by Nigerians, who previously had been individually counseled by missionaries.

Participating in the Nigerian crusades were some 98 preachers, musicians, and lay workers from all part of the U. S. They joined the Nigerian Baptists at the invitation of the Baptist Convention of Nigeria. Among those responding were government leaders, officials, chiefs, kings, nurses, teachers, and young people.

Mr. Underwood said that in Tanzania more than 8,000 members of local churches sought affiliation with the Baptist Convention of Tanzania.

They are the outgrowth of the witnessing efforts of one man in their number who became a Christian, he said.

So great is the spiritual awakening in Kenya that "they have discontinued plans to invite 12 to 15 outside evangelists," Mr. Underwood told the mission board.

The success of the evangelistic efforts in Africa have encouraged similar plans in other countries, Mr. Underwood said.

## Paynter Pleads Not Guilty After Grand Jury Action

CARMI, Ill. (BP) — James E. Paynter, former business and development director for the Baptist Children's Home, has been released on \$5,000 bond after pleading not guilty to a charge of theft.

The White County grand jury indicted Paynter on the charge, filed by the state's attorney, after hearing evidence. A hearing date will be set.

An extensive investigation of the Children's Home finances has taken place since August 31, 1974, when Paynter disappeared after irregularities were reported in some funds he handled, according to the Illinois Baptist.

The Illinois Baptist State Association, acting on the advice of its attorney, has not filed charges against Paynter, but the association's executive secretary, James H. Smith, said it has filed a claim for \$103,732 against the company under which Paynter is bonded.

The indictment involved alleged theft of a \$500 check from the estate of a Vandalla, Ill., woman. The specific charge was that he converted the \$500 check, which was intended for the home, to his own use last July 3.

Paynter reportedly has been living in another state since his disappearance but made himself available to authorities in December through an attorney. At that time, his attorney said he would be available in the event of a grand jury indictment.

## Lester Morriss Heads Texas Baptist Evangelism Division

DALLAS (BP) — Lester L. Morriss, 54, pastor of First Church, Midland, Tex., for 21 years, has been named director of the Evangelism Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He succeeds C. Wade Freeman, who retired on Dec. 31 after 28 years in the position.

Morriss has served as pastor of the Midland church since 1954, during which time the church has recorded more than 3,000 baptisms.

Since 1969, the 6,000-member church has been spotlighted by Christian Life magazine as having one of the 50 largest Sunday Schools in the United States, with a current enrollment of 3,170.

## BWA Evangelism

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Baptist membership in the world — 535,000; following U. S. with 29 million and India with 734,000 members — according to BWA figures.

Total Baptist world membership increased 2.25 per cent in 1973 to a total of 535 million in January 1974. There are Baptist churches or chapels in 138 countries and dependencies.



## Cooperative Program Helps To Operate Baptist Indian Center

At the Baptist Indian Center, Ellen accepted Jesus as her savior during a workshop service for boarding school students. Since that time, she has been regular in worship services, Bible study, youth activities, piano lessons and other opportunities for Christian growth and development at the Baptist Indian Center.

Recently Ellen was among those who accepted the challenge to read the Bible through in 1974-75. One afternoon as she was reading Matthew 28, verses 19 and 20 seemed to speak a direct message to her. She began to think of those around her who were not Christians.

Immediately she left her reading to go knock on doors, visit and invite friends and neighbors to attend Bible study with her. She seemed very disappointed when the many who promised did not actually come to Bible study. However, directly because of Ellen's going, three young people now regularly join others in Bible study at the Baptist Indian Center.

The Cooperative Program makes possible the day by day operation of the Baptist Indian Center with its variety of ministries.

Martha Haggan  
Philadelphia, Ms.

## Does The Southern Baptist Convention Need A Name Change?

### Opinion Ballot

- ☐ I favor a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention.  
☐ I do not favor a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention.

My suggestions for a new name:  
(List three (3) names in the order of preference)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out ballot immediately, and mail no later than Feb. 7. Ballots received after Feb. 10 will not be counted.

Mail to: BALLOT, The Baptist Record,  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

This information will be shared with the special Name Change Committee scheduled to report to the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, June 10-12.



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## EDITORIAL

### Freedom For Christians Too!

Much has been said in Congress and in other circles about calls for freedom for the Jews of Russia. A recently passed Congressional bill attempts to tie improved trade relations between the United States and Russia with an agreement that Jews who desire to leave that land will be free to do so. First reports are that Russia has rejected the proposal.

We agree with the demand, although we seriously doubt that Russia ever will yield to it. However, the request should be much broader. While we believe that every Jew should be given the freedom to leave Russia, and any other Iron Curtain country, Christians also should have the same freedom.

In the current issue of *Time* magazine there is a news story concerning the persecution by Russian authorities of a Baptist preacher named Georgi Vins. He is called "the best known leader of 100,000 or more Initiatsioniki (Initiators) who split from the main body of Soviet Baptists." *Time* says that "Vins is the latest in a line of Baptists... who have gone to jail for defying the state on the grounds of conscience." It adds that although the plight of Soviet Jews and intellectuals is far better publicized in the West "Baptists have suffered every bit as much." At least 700 have been jailed, and one civil rights leader is reported to have said that Baptists have comprised more than one-third of the known political prisoners of the last two decades.

Fifteen years ago when they were "Convinced that their official church

had become a tool of the atheistic regime, Vins and other Baptist leaders founded their own unauthorized church council," and launched a vigorous civil rights campaign. For participation in this Georgi Vins was sentenced to three years in labor camps. After his release, persecution continued, and in 1970 he had to go "underground." He moved about preaching and organizing, but Soviet secret police, according to the *Time* story, set a trap for him, and seized him last March. Efforts to help him have been of no avail. Baptist World Alliance leaders and World Council of Churches leaders have sought to be allowed to visit him or contact him, but all such requests have been refused. Friends from outside the nation who desired to aid him, were refused visas into the country. It seems probable that Vins will receive "a sentence of up to ten years, since acquittal in political cases is virtually unknown."

Vins is following in the footsteps of his father, another Baptist minister, who was jailed three times, and died in a Siberian labor camp. His mother has just been released after three years imprisonment. She has sought to rally Western support, but thus far her efforts have been ineffectual.

This story in *Time* simply brings to the surface, and to national and international attention, facts which have been widely known, but which usually have been overlooked in the appeals made for the Jews and the intellectuals. We rejoice that the story now is being

openly discussed, as this may bring pressures for these Baptist friends from the same sources which have been seeking to help the Jews and intellectuals. As we said in the beginning, we fully support the efforts for them, but do not want our Baptist brethren and other Christians to be forgotten.

Living in a land where there is religious freedom, and freedom in all other areas, it is difficult for us to realize the terrible conditions under which many of our fellow Christians exist. At this very moment many are suffering simply because they wish to worship as we worship, teach God's Word as we teach it, and preach the Gospel as we preach it.

We often hear reports from the recognized Baptist group in Russia, and of their services in Moscow and in a few other places, and always rejoice in any right to worship which is allowed there. These reports indicate, however, that they have very limited religious rights, and that true religious freedom is unknown. While these Baptists have agreed to meet certain government stipulations in order to have even the most limited privileges of worship, others have felt that they could not conscientiously bow to these demands. These are the ones who have continued to suffer such terrible persecution.

They need our concern, our love, our prayers and our efforts to exert any influence we may have in their behalf. That is why we say, that while we are concerned about Jews and intellectuals, let us not forget the Baptists.

### Should The SBC Name Be Changed?

The oft recurring question of Southern Baptist name change is with us again. The 1974 convention named a committee to study the issue and bring a report next year.

The chairman of the committee, Dr. C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, Kentucky Baptist state paper, has revealed that the committee has requested Southern Baptist state papers to poll the people in their states on the issue, in order that it may know "the grass roots thinking" on the matter.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention voted at its meeting last November its disapproval of any name change. This, however, was simply the expression of the messengers who were present at the meeting, and does not officially

positionize any church or any Mississippi Baptist, other than those who were present and voting.

Heeding the request of the committee, we are publishing in this issue a ballot on the name change. It will appear one time, and those desiring to use it should fill it out and mail it back to the Baptist Record immediately, and not later than February 7. Any ballot received after Monday, February 10, will not be counted.

This is only an "opinion" ballot and will not determine the final decision on the issue, yet it can influence the committee's report to the convention. The convention itself will decide whether there will be a name change.

Please note that the ballot has two parts. One is "yes" or "no" on whether

there should be a name change. The other is for suggestions for a new name if you do favor a change. Individuals are requested to sign their names and addresses to their ballot.

It is our opinion that there will be no change of the name by the convention, unless better reasons for doing it can be found than have been presented thus far, and unless a much more satisfactory name than has been offered can be found. Nevertheless, this is a decision which can and must be made by the convention itself, since many Baptists do favor it. All we are being asked to do right now is express our opinion concerning it. We hope that thousands of you will cut out the ballot on page 3, fill it out, and return it to us immediately.

The results will be tabulated as soon as possible after February 10, will be forwarded to the Committee of Seven, and will be reported in the Baptist Record.

### A Flood Of Books

Many new books are coming from the presses today. So many review copies have come to the Baptist Record in recent months that we are far behind in reviewing or even listing them. In order to catch up before Spring books begin to appear we are publishing a full page of reviews in this issue, in addition to the regular review section on the editorial page. Most of these are brief one or two sentence statements concerning the books. Another such page will appear in February. With that, we should be caught up, and we hope that by making most reviews briefer, we then can stay more current with them.

**PASTORAL COUNSELING IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS** by Wayne E. Oates (Baker, paper, \$2.45, 128 pp.) Dr. Oates, seminary professor, explores the social problems of extremism, race, sex, divorce, which the Book for Ministers.

**HE WILL COME** by Mrs. Z. W. Swafford (Baptist Publications Committee, Little Rock, Ark., paper, \$1.50, 160 pp.) An intense study of Jesus' coming again, which the author believes will be soon.

**JUDGE FOR YOURSELF** by Gordon R. Lewis (InterVarsity, paper, \$2.25, 126 pp.) A workbook on contemporary challenges to Christian faith.

**TOOLS FOR TIME MANAGEMENT** by Edward R. Dayton (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$4.95) Christian Perspectives on Managing Priorities. This book is designed to help the reader be a better manager of his time, and of the time of those who look to him for direction.

**WHEN SCIENCE FAILS** by John Hudson Tiner (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 136 pp.) This book explodes the naive assumption that science has all the answers and challenges the reader to think independently with a Biblical faith.

**BISCUITS, FLEAS & PUMP HANDLES** by Zig Ziglar (Update Division, Crescendo Publications, 320 pp.) This unusual book is a confidence building approach to life which will motivate you to "want to do it," educate you as to "how to do it," and finally instill in you the "will to do it." The author began his career in a grocery store in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and is now an internationally known author, salesman, and speaker. Here in book form he shares his philosophy of "See You At The Top!"

**A TOUCH OF WONDER** by Arthur Gordon (Fleming H. Revell, \$6.95, 251 pp.) A collection of brief art-of-living sketches which unabashedly celebrate the joys of the simple life, this book conveys the author's sense of gratitude for the endless free gifts that life offers.

**HIS DEEPER WORK IN US** by J. Sidlow Baxter (Zondervan, 253 pp., paper, \$2.95) "An inquiry into New Testament Teaching on the subject of Christian Holiness." In Dr. Baxter's book, the importance of seeking the control and the infilling of the Holy Spirit is viewed as the key to living the victorious Christian life.

### Baptist World Alliance Sunday

Next Sunday, February 2, is Baptist World Alliance Sunday, not only in the Southern Baptist Convention, but in many other Baptist conventions as well.

The Baptist World Alliance is the world organization of Baptists, and is supported by most of the 33,000,000 Baptists in 138 countries of the world.

The tie which binds Baptists, is unlike that found in any other denomination. There is no ecclesiastical authority, and no property or other authoritarian ties which join a single church or Baptist to any denomination or alliance.

The one force which holds Baptists of the world together is the Lord Jesus Christ. Because they love Him and worship Him, and believe His Word, and preach His message, these Baptists are drawn together by bonds that are stronger than any ecclesiastical link.

#### NEW BOOKS

**WHO WAS WHO IN CHURCH HISTORY** by Elgin S. Meyer (Kears, \$2.25, paper, 452 pp.) More than 1700 brief biographies of the foremost personalities of Christendom — apostles, philosophers, missionaries, preachers, writers, musicians, theologians, etc. A valuable reference book.

**QUOTATIONS FROM THE BIBLE FOR MODERN MAN** edited by James Z. Nettings (Pocket Books, paper, 95c, 236 pp.) Dr. Nettings, the executive secretary, American Bible Society, has gathered these quotations from the Bible to answer questions troubling modern man.

**THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF DEATH** by Gladys Hunt (Zondervan, 117 pp., \$3.50) Death, though never pleasant, can be triumphant for the Christian. In this book, the author shares her intimate thoughts and convictions about the Christian and his relationships with death.

**HAPPINESS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT** by Richard W. de Haan (Zondervan, paper, 176 pp.) Discussions of the basis of happiness, in a changing, adverse world.

### DESPITE THE IRON FIST



#### On The MORAL SCENE

**HAVE A DRINK AND STARVE A CHILD** — "While Americans are being urged to eat less grain-fed meats in order to free grain for the world's hungry millions, a companion grain-saving measure has been suggested that hits at another American institution — alcohol. The idea is that a cut-back in the billions of gallons of grain-based alcoholic beverages — beer and most hard liquors — that Americans drink each year theoretically could provide food for millions of people. The leading proponent of this view, Dr. Jean Mayer of Harvard, one of the country's most prominent nutritionists, even has coined a slogan to raise the consciousness of imbibing Americans — 'Have a Drink and Starve a Child.' ... Last year, according to data provided by the U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and the respective industries, American distillers used 1.1 million tons of grain to produce 183 million gallons of whiskey and American brewers used 1.1 million tons of grain to produce 183 million gallons of whiskey and American brewers used 3 million tons of grain to produce 4.6 billion gallons of beer. ... The total of 4.1 million tons of grain used in 1973 to produce alcoholic beverages. ... is enough food for one year for more than 20 million people living on a minimal adequate diet." — *The Nashville Tennessean*, December 5, 1974.

**ORPHANS OF THE STORM** — "In the troubled peace that follows war, none suffer more terribly — or more innocently — than the orphans, many of them the abandoned children of departed soldiers. Estimates of orphaned children in Vietnam go as high as 750,000, of which only 25,000 are in orphanages. James Reston of *The New York Times* reports that there may be as many as 100,000 half-American war orphans in Vietnam, and there are many more orphans without any adequate care in the streets and shantytowns of other Asian countries." — *Saturday Review-World*, November 11, 1974.

**MEAT EATERS AND WORLD HUNGER** — "Increased consumption of meat among industrialized nations contributes substantially to world hunger. The annual consumption of meat in the U.S. increased 22 per cent between 1960 and '72, now averaging 254 lbs. per person. ... Americans consume two to four times more meat than the body can use ... according to leading nutritionists. Humanitarian considerations aside, the American Heart Association recommends that Americans cut their meat consumption by at least one-third for reasons of health. ... The beef boom has caused a dramatic shrinkage of grains available for humans because it takes five to ten pounds of grain to produce, one pound of today's beef; thus it is one of the most wasteful of foods. By eating one-third less meat, we would liberate a great amount of grain for human consumption — almost enough to meet the metric tons needed for famine areas, say food researchers. Is there not some moral judgment pressing upon us here?" — *Between the Lines*, December 1, 1974.

**MAKE DO AND DO WITHOUT** — "Early Americans are supposed to have taken as much satisfaction in frugality as contemporary Americans have been accustomed to take influence. ... In 1974, however, it is said with mounting frequency and urgency that mere survival for ourselves and the rest of the world requires that Americans return to those tough Colonial principles of making do and doing without. For half the global population its continually hungry, while many Americans are eating more than is good for them. Thus, as Lester R. Brown, ... an economist with the Overseas Development Council ... remarks in an interview in the September issue of *Phi Delta Kappan*, it is both morally desirable and a matter of self-interest for most of us to modify our diets and reduce our consumption of meat by about one-third." — *America*, October 5, 1974.

**Light for Living**  
Chester E. Swor

#### Of Snakes And Bees

One of the most provocative quotations in our language is this one: "From the same flower, the serpent draws poison and the bee honey." We realize immediately that the difference is not in what each draws from the flower, but in what each did with what it drew. The difference was not in the flower: it was in the recipient of what the flower gave.

Have you ever heard a message or a musical number being discussed by two people who heard the same words or notes but whose reactions were poles apart? One was harshly critical in his interpretation or reaction, while the other person had felt only thrill, inspiration, and gratitude: their ears had heard the same thing, but the mind and heart of each hearer had treated what was heard in completely different spirit.

Or, perhaps, someone mentions the name of an individual: one person sees in the person mentioned the epitome of grace and charm and love, while another person sees nothing but conceit, arrogance, selfishness, and vanity. One drew honey, and the other drew poison!

Many observers viewed God's prophets in the long-ago years, but with striking differences in their reactions. "They are, indeed, sent of God; let us hear and follow them," some said. But others who had seen and heard the same prophets replied angrily, "They are imposters, blasphemers; let us stone them!" When Christ healed diseases and forgave sin, some recognized the love and power of God in him, while others accused him of blasphemy. The bees had drawn honey, the serpents poison!

The double tragedy of the serpent habit is (1) that it indicates within the person an unwholesomeness of attitude toward other people, reflecting possible maladjustment and abnormality within the individual; and (2) the habit can grow gradually to the point of possessing the individual's attitudes, blacking out his capacity for seeing any pure motives in other people.

In honesty of soul, as you and God know you, do your reactions to people and situations find you generally drawing honey or poison? If poison is the more frequent result of the touch of other people upon your life, it is in order for you to ask Heaven to perform whatever metamorphoses are necessary to move you from serpent to bee. Spiritually speaking, that transformation can be done. ... it has been done!

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People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. Love and trust them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of having selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway.

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## Thousands Of Baptists In Volunteer Movement

ATLANTA — Kenneth Bradley, Daisy Buchwald, Yvette Poole, Stan Smith, Sammie Grubbs and Austin Toledo are scattered across the United States from Maine to Arizona. A couple are students, two are retired, one is a widowed housewife, another works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But they have a common bond. All are Southern Baptist lay persons and all are typical of a growing number of volunteers — home missionaries sans appointment.

Bradley was a long-time postmaster in Arkansas before his retirement in 1973. Instead of retiring to a fishing stream, however, he took the suggestion of Jack Redford of the HMB's Church Extension Department and moved to Bangor, Maine, where he and Mrs. Bradley helped put down the roots of a new Southern Baptist church.

Mrs. Buchwald lives six months out of the year in Santa Fe, N.M., just off the highway to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. The other six months she is in her camper traveling the nation's highways as a Camper on Mission, one of 10,000 who regularly share their faith in campgrounds across the country.

A widow since 1964, Mrs. Buchwald spent a short-term stint as a Christian Service Corps volunteer in Hawaii in 1967, working with one of the churches there. As a member of First Baptist Church of Santa Fe, she is active in a Sunday school class project that has some 35 women adopting a "daughter" at the state prison.

Yvette Poole and Stan Smith are the students. Both participated in unique new programs sponsored by the HMB last summer. Miss Poole of Jena, La., was one of the first 23 Sojourners assigned by the Department of Special Ministries. Sojourners—high school juniors and seniors—go for short term assignments of from two to 10 weeks or for a year for the graduating seniors, at their own expense to various mission points. Miss Poole served a 10-week stint at First Baptist Church, Socorro, N. M., working mostly in mission Vacation Bible Schools and with backyard Bible clubs.

Smith, a computer science major at Arizona State University, spent the summer cleaning showers and toilets and repairing washing machines and dryers and sharing his faith with many of the two million tourists at the Grand Canyon Campers Service center. He was one of about 35 members of a Christian "Job Corps" team at the Canyon in 1974.

Austin Toledo, who works for the BIA in Crown Point, N.M., is one of about 1,000 persons utilized by the HMB's Department of Language Missions as "Messengers of the Word"—lay persons "from among the people who speak their language, understand their problems, hangups, customs, traditions, inhibitions, religious backgrounds, the workings of their minds."

1974 was the year of the volunteer in the SBC. A survey of the various HMB departments utilizing volunteers showed that in 1974 more than 31,000 persons were engaged in some type of volunteer effort.

Church extension, personified by the Bradleys in Bangor, Maine, utilized 7,500 workers.

Christian social ministries, lay evangelism schools and language ministries claimed another 5,000 each.

The Christian Service Corps sent out 169 short term volunteers and nine for long term service.

More than 1,100 student summer missionaries served during 1975 under HMB and Baptist Student Union sponsorship. Some 200 mission tour groups comprised of thousands of young people trekked all over the nation.

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nation, and does not count the SBC's foreign missions enterprise, the world's largest overseas missionary program, which has 2,579 missionaries in 61 nations and some 6,900 overseas churches with some 807,356 members. (The Home Mission Board has about 2,200 missionaries under appointment throughout the U. S.)

The people who started that great thrust, propelling Southern Baptists off dead center, were primarily plain, farming people.

As the nation's conditions launched them into new territory throughout the United States, they brought their own culture, their own traditions and lifestyle and their own religious expression.

### Planted Seeds

But they found no churches like they had at home, so these 1830's Johnny Appleseeds planted the seeds of eventual SBC growth by starting new ones. They began, almost by accident, an expansion program in the U. S., which the Home Mission Board and workers in the new—or "pioneer"—areas now pursue by design.

The first new church was begun at Shafter, Calif., in 1836, where the California convention was organized in 1942.

The beginnings of SBC expansion in Shafter were followed by that 1942 vote which proved a pivotal decision in the SBC development. It shattered the unwritten comity agreement between Southern and Northern Baptists and opened wide avenues for SBC action in states outside the traditional southern tier.

Yet it is doubtful that the messengers realized the full implications—or full impact—of that moment. At stake was more than the traditional geographic bastion behind which Southern Baptists had tarried for a century.

By accepting messengers from churches so far from its established borders, the convention, tacitly, not only jeopardized already strained Baptist interregional relationships, but forced Southern Baptists to forge a new philosophy of growth.

In years ahead, their structures, planning, idea of themselves and understanding of their faith would be reexamined and clarified. And, at the least, they would stumble into a new consciousness of their place and direction, a consciousness that would color all their judgments, goals, understandings, attitudes—a consciousness that would become their future. (BP)

### NEXT: The Move West

### Associational Leaders' Workshop Planned

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the site of the East Central Associational Leadership Workshop April 14-16, 1978.

Directors of associational missions, associational Sunday School and church training directors and associational age-group leaders in Sunday School and church training all should find the workshop helpful in improving their effectiveness in administration, communication, conference skills and program interpretation.

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## Torch Run To Celebrate 50th Cooperative Program Year

MEMPHIS (BP) — More than 500 youthful runners, in the Southern Baptist Convention's Royal Ambassador program for boys, will relay a lighted torch 1,280 miles from Memphis to Miami Beach during May and June in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the SBC's basic unified Cooperative Program budget.

The torch, symbolizing the gospel spread in the United States and 82 countries around the world by the Cooperative Program, will be officially lighted May 13 in Memphis during a major birthday celebration for the unified budget. The 1978 Cooperative Program goal is \$150 million.

Royal Ambassador boys will leave during the celebration to begin the 1,280 mile torch run, stopping for rallies along the way. One month later, the lighted torch will arrive in Miami Beach, site of the 1975 SBC annual meeting and be presented to SBC messengers June 10 during the SBC Stewardship Commission report the opening night of the convention.

Each RA will run the torch one or more miles. RA chapters from local churches across the Southeast will be responsible for designated segments along the route.

Cooperative Program rallies are planned at five cities enroute. Each rally will spotlight one aspect of Cooperative Program supported ministries.

The highlight of each rally will be the entrance and exit of a Royal Ambassador runner carrying the lighted

torch. Most rally programs will include brief addresses by the state Baptist convention's stewardship secretary and executive secretary. A multi-media drama on the history of the Cooperative Program will be presented by the SBC Stewardship Commission.

Rally sites and dates are Nashville, May 15, SBC emphasis; Gadsden, Ala., May 17, mini-rally; Atlanta, Ga., May 20, home missions; Augusta, Ga., May 24, foreign missions; and Jacksonville, Fla., June 3, state missions. Other major cities on the torch route are Jackson, Chattanooga, Huntsville, and Augusta. The route through Florida will generally follow Highway 1 and 1A.

Mike Speer, associate executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission, and Jay Chance, director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission's Royal Ambassador division, are convention coordinators for the "Carry the Torch" project. They will be assisted by Brotherhood and Stewardship secretaries of state Baptist conventions, who will coordinate runners along the route.

The torch route will follow non-interstate highways. A mobile home unit and safety car will accompany the runners the entire route.

Chance says RA boys who wish to take part in the relay still have a chance to do so by contacting their state Brotherhood or by writing "Carry the Torch," Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104.



MEMPHIS TO MIAMI! — John Bob Gilbert, Member of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and winner of the highest mission service award presented to Royal Ambassadors (RAs) makes a test run of a lighted torch to be relayed by RA boys from Memphis to Miami in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. (BP) Photo by Tim Fields, Brotherhood Commission.

## BMC's Smallest Student Weighs Less Than An Armload Of Books!

Blue Mountain, Miss. — The smallest student at Blue Mountain College isn't as big as a yardstick.

He weighs less than an armload of books from the college library. It may be two more years before he can tie his shoes. And when he doesn't get his way at class, he occasionally may cry.

A boy in the big world of women's college, three-year old Wes is taking part in a "Kiddie Kollege," the well-established nursery school of Blue Mountain College.

"Wes has only been here a few weeks," said Mrs. Evelyn Wilbanks, supervising teacher, on the BMC home economics department staff. "He loves it, but it takes a while for a child to get used to the routine."

Wes is one of hundreds of children who have gone thru the BMC nursery program since it was originated during the 1946-47 school year by Mrs. Aurelia Hollis, head of the BMC home economics department now.

"Back then there weren't a lot of these programs. There still aren't many in our area," said Mrs. Hollis. "We started it to take the early childhood education classes into contact with small children. It is a laboratory situation for them. Back in those days they called it the bride's class. This let them work with children and see how children that age are."

"We're helping the child to develop

socially, mentally, emotionally and physically," Mrs. Wilbanks said. "We help them to become more independent."

"Psychology students here have a chance to observe the children and work with them. This year we have 19 students working with the little ones," she said. "Observation is important. If they find problems, we discuss them and talk with the parents when it is needed. If we find the child needs something we can't provide here, we help the parent find a solution."

One BMC mother has two children in the nursery school, ages 3 and 4 years, and a baby placed for day care in town. There are 13 boys in the class. Of the 17 students, seven have

student parents, six are from the faculty and staff, and four are from in-town families.

"We have more calls than we could possibly fill," Mrs. Wilbanks said.

"We've had children of children who were here in the nursery a long time ago," Mrs. Hollis said. "Mike Guyton, who sells real estate in Tupelo, was here as a child. We enjoy seeing them after they're grown."

The "Kiddie Kollege" has prayer in the school room. "We say a prayer before refreshments. Sometimes the children say it together and sometimes individuals lead the prayer. Some of them go on and on. And on. And you'll hear the other children say, 'That's enough,'" Mrs. Wilbanks said.

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

## A Call For Special Prayers For Persecuted Christians

Dear Fellow Baptists:

The 1974 Convention in Dallas, Texas, has adopted Resolution No. 8, On Prayer for Persecuted Christians, with the following content:

"Whereas, There are still many Christians, in several nations, who are being persecuted because they are believers in Jesus Christ, and Whereas, The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:2, 'Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ';

Therefore, it is Resolved, that we call on Southern Baptists to pray individually and collectively for all Christians who are experiencing such cruel conditions with a special call to prayer on Baptist World Alliance Sunday in February."

Sunday, February 2, 1975, will be The Baptist World Alliance Sunday, and I urged all pastors to organize and to have with the entire Church a special prayer for our dear brethren who live under atheistic regimes in a continual harassment and different kinds of persecutions. Also, I urge and call all Baptists, who live in a real religious freedom to attend that special prayer meeting and to pray earnestly, with all their heart and with a full trust in God for our brethren in Christ from all countries with atheistic and persecuting regimes.

First, we, as Baptists, believe in the living and almighty God. Our God is the God of wonders. The entire world, the events, the changes, the leaders, the nations, all realms of life, all, absolute all men, all countries, all things, all leaders, all situations, are under His Sovereignty. And he is our heavenly Father.

Secondly, we, as Baptists, consider those persecuted Christians in the atheistic ruled countries as our brethren in Jesus Christ, who have the same faith in Him. We and they are a

part of the same body of Christ, and as in a body, when a part is in sufferings, the whole body feels the same sufferings. Yes, even in our blessed religious freedom, we have to feel their sufferings, tortures, persecutions, depictions in labor camps, arrestments and imprisonments, the continual harassment, deportations, deprivations, beatings, home searches in the night, confiscations, etc. Are we, the Southern Baptists, ready to fulfill the law of Jesus to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice? Now, we have a privilege to feel sufferings, persecutions, to weep and then to pray earnestly on Sunday, February 2, 1975 for our brethren in Christ who are being in persecutions.

Thirdly, we, as Baptists and followers of Jesus, enjoy the privilege of prayer. And the prayer is the key to close and open the heaven, to bring rain, to come down fire of heaven, to bring down angels to release God's servants from jails (as Ap. Peter was), to shake empires (as Pharaoh's was), to throw down powerful leaders (as Hama was), and to score a triumph. We believe in the power of prayer. There is yet a temptation for Christians: to neglect such a mysterious and gracely power and to loose many victories. The prayer is the most powerful weapon in the world, and it must be our means to attain a Christian victory over atheism and its persecution. Let's turn to the primary Christianity in experiencing the power of prayer.

That is why I urge all of you, my Baptist brethren—to pray sincerely and earnestly on Sunday February 2, 1975, for our persecuted brethren in Christ, and He, the Almighty God, will give us the victory.

Rev. Alexa Popovici Th.D.  
The pastor of Roumanian Baptist Church of Chicago.

## Rare Tablets Unearthed At Baptist-Sponsored 'Dig'

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Tablets unearthed in the summer of 1974 by Southern Baptist-sponsored archaeologists may shed light on the history of Israel over 3,000 years ago.

Excavating for the third season at Tel Aphek - Antipatris near Tel Aviv, a 150-member international work force uncovered two rare fragmentary clay tablets.

They also uncovered a stone-built tomb of the Late Bronze Age (circa 13th century B. C.), whole vessels of pottery dating to the Israelite Monarchy (11th - 10th century B. C.), and a Canaanite public building that

was destroyed by fire around 1200 B. C.

And the diggers completed the excavation of a patrician house of the Late Roman Period (third century A. D.) and increased to 350 the number of ancient coins found at the site.

The cuneiform (wedge-shaped) tablets, the most significant find of this year's "dig," were discovered beneath burnt brick debris of a Canaanite public building that was consumed by fire in the Late Bronze Age — around the time of Joshua and the Israelite conquest of Canaan.



BAPTIST DIGGERS—Clyde Tilley (left), associate professor of religion at Union University, a Baptist school in Jackson, Tenn., and Bill Patten, pastor of the Slaughter (Miss.) Baptist Church, carefully brush off pottery unearthed at the Baptist-sponsored excavation at Tel Aphek-Antipatris in Israel. Rare cuneiform tablets highlighted discoveries made at the "dig" last summer. (BP) Photo by Maya Weinberg.

"They are the only cuneiform tablets found in Israel during the last ten years," said George Kelm, associate professor of archaeology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Kelm has been co-director of the excavation since its initiation in 1972.

The as-yet undated tablets are "chance finds," Kelm said. He noted that some 20 tablets have been discovered at four other Palestinian sites. To date, however, no library or archives of cuneiform tablets has been unearthed in Israel.

"We have Palestinian documents in Egypt, written in cuneiform script," he said, "but no real collection in Israel."

The tablets found at Tel Aphek-Antipatris fall into two different categories. One, a literary text, contains ten lines of a Sumerian-Accadian lexicon (dictionary) including references to agriculture ("plough," "wheat," "hoe") and to religion ("Shamash," the sun god). The other, a commercial document, lists numbers, such as "one thousand" and "six hundred."

The fact that two documents of such diverse contents were discovered at the beginning of the public building excavation is "very encouraging," according to Kelm. It is possible, he added, that later excavations may reveal a collection of tablets at the site — perhaps even a library. "We always hope to find written materials at any site," he said.

One of the largest tells in Israel, Aphek - Antipatris stretches across

30 acres and spans nearly 5,000 years of history, from the Early Bronze Age (circa 3,000 B. C.) to the 19th century A. D.

In antiquity the biblical town of Aphek (Old Testament) — Antipatris (New Testament) was located on the international highway of the Near East, the Via Maris.

Because of its strategic position as a buffer between the northern and southern parts of the country, Aphek-Antipatris was inhabited throughout most of the historical ages. It was a natural financial center as well as a military target. Taxes and customs were collected in Aphek. Caravans threaded their way across its borders; military garrisons camped in its vicinity, and pharaohs plotted its fall.

Currently, archaeologists, headed by Moshe Kochavi of Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology, are gradually piecing together the jigsaw events of over 4,000 years of history at the site where the apostle Paul rested on his way from Jerusalem to Caesarea (Acts 23:31).

Sponsors of the yearly dig are Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology, New Orleans Seminary, Baylor University, and the Municipality of Petah Tikva, Israel.

"The Cooperative Program is the tangible expression of the concern of Southern Baptists for the spiritual welfare of a high percentage of the world's people. How much we care is indicated by how much we give in proportion to how much we are able to give." — J. Terry Young.



**DIVINE DIVIDENDS** by R. Earl Allen (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 160 pp., paper \$2.95) Dr. R. Earl Allen is a Baptist pastor in Fort Worth, Texas, who for many years has opened the Word of God to his people. This book is a series of messages on the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, along with two messages on Beatitudes found in other scripture passages. Dr. Allen has the unique ability of probing into a scripture passage and finding the depths of its meaning. Then he opens that meaning to his hearers in such a practical way that it immediately is applied to personal need. Out of his broad experience and research, the author brings numerous illustrations and applications to the glorious truths revealed by our Lord in his best known sermon. The reader will find his own life enriched by these pointed powerful messages.

**ACTS, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION** (Zondervan, pocket book, paper, 95 pp., \$.95) In connection with the Southern Baptist January Bible Study in 1975, Zondervan has issued a special paperback edition of its new international version. This is a version which tells the story much as one would read a modern book of adventure. We think that there will be a wide use of this version. During the Bible study period, it will help acquaint readers with this version with its clarity and rich presentation of the scriptural message.

**BETWEEN YOU AND ME, GOD** by Patricia A. Simmons (Broadman, 64 pp., \$2.50) Here are 73 brief one paragraph meditations for growing girls. Each meditation deals with a thought or experience in the girl's life and each one ends with a scripture passage from the Living Bible. The author evidently knows girls well, and should, since she has a daughter of her own. Here she reveals the heart of these girls who are trying to find their way in life's maze.

**YOUTH IN CRISIS** by Otto L. Shaw (Hart-Publishing Co., 135 pp., \$7.50) The subtitle is "A radical approach to delinquency." This is the story of Red Hill School in England, which is run for delinquents, and is based on the principle of respect and understanding of the young offender. The institution seeks to find the cause of the trouble, and then by respect and love seeks a solution. Pupils of the schools are referred to it by local education authorities and courts throughout England.

**HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** by Gerald Martin (Jordan Press, 102 pp., paper, \$1.50) Dr. Gerald Martin, former Memphis pastor, and now president of Hannibal LaGrange College, writes on Paul's command that Christians be filled with the Holy Spirit. He writes on the "Inner Experiences," the "Evident Expressions," and the filling itself. This is a book of practical truth in interpreting just what the Holy Spirit can do and will do for the Christian, as He fills and uses their lives and how the Christian may experience that fullness.

**A THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT** by George Eldon Ladd (Eerdmans, 681 pp., \$12.50) The opening sentence reads "This book is intended to introduce seminary students to the discipline of New Testament theology." The primary objective is to outline what various New Testament authors teach but critical questions are not neglected, although not thoroughly discussed. The author says that he has sought to represent scholars accurately and treat them with respect even though he does not agree with them. The book is in six parts, namely the synoptic gospels, the fourth gospel, primitive church, Paul, the general epistles, and the apocalypse. The book is written from a conservative point of view and while it will not have wide reading among the rank and file, it should be of inestimable value to the serious Bible student, especially since it is a positive conservative view.

**SERMONS BY LeVander Kinds** (Vantage, 186 pp., \$5.95) Brief sermons given by the author in a series of Radio Broadcasts delivered over Radio Station WQBC (Vicksburg) while pastor of the Mount Heroden Baptist Church in Vicksburg and president of Natchez Junior College. Sermons are classified under a number of different heads and are brief and to the point as Radio sermons of necessity must be.

**CAMP DEVOTIONS** by Dick and Yvonne Messner (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.95, 127 pp.) As Jesus used the glorious of nature as object lessons, Christians can discover a new dimension of worship in the out of doors. This book contains enough devotional talks, on nature subjects, for an entire summer, plus seed ideas for many more, plus a chapter of dramatic devotionals.

**WHAT'S A NICE PERSON LIKE YOU DOING SICK?** by Paul E. Parker, M. D., and David Enlow (Creation House, 80 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) A suburban doctor who had ministered to thousands of other patients suddenly finds himself laid up with a disease which put him to bed for ten weeks. This book tells of his reaction, worry, mental attitude, making the best of it, and other experiences. Should be a helpful volume to those who are ill.

**THE JESUS PARTY** by Hugh J. Schofield (Macmillan, 320 pp., \$7.95) A man who rejects the New Testament as it is believed by conservative Christians, writes on the experiences in the third year period following the death of Christ. He contends that the division between the Jews and the Christians of that day was political rather than religious and he presents the record from a human rather than a spiritual point of view. Such an interpretation as is found here probably is highly pleasing to modern liberals. It certainly rejects the truth as it is revealed in the New Testament.

**SINGLE** by Marilyn McGinnis (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 159 pp.) This book provides guidelines to happiness and fulfillment for the female who is single, and Christian.

**A PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY OF C. H. SPURGEON** (Pilgrim Publications, 136 pp., \$1.95 paper) A very interesting biographical sketch of the life of C. H. Spurgeon, one of the greatest preachers who has lived in the history of Christianity. The material primarily is taken from the four-volume autobiography of Spurgeon and from other biographies. This book is largely photographs with enough text to give the story. Those who love Spurgeon, or are interested in knowing more of his life, will delight in this volume.

**MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS** by Henry M. Morris (Creation-Life Publishers, 381 pp., \$4.95) Practical and useful evidences of Christianity. A most valuable book on Christian evidences to help the modern Bible student know why his Bible is dependable and his faith stands on solid ground. The author is an outstanding scholar and scientist who is director of the Institute for Creation Research and a professor of Apologetics in a Christian college. He deals with almost all of the problems which bring attack from unbelievers and those who reject the revelation of the Bible. The inspiration and authenticity of the Bible, the unique birth of Christ, the miraculous life of Christ, the death and resurrection of Christ, the fact and character of God, problems of inspiration, prophecy, structure, and other issues are carefully discussed. Many pages are given to the Bible and Science, the fallacies of evolution, creation and the flood, and other subjects of vital importance. This is a most helpful volume which should have a wide reading.

**C. S. LEWIS, SPEAKER AND TEACHER** by Carolyn Keefe (Zondervan, paper, \$1.75, 100 pp.)

A collection of essays on C. S. Lewis, by writers (except one) who knew him personally. New and fascinating insights into Lewis' personality and work.

**THE COMING RUSSIAN INVASION OF ISRAEL** by Thomas S. McCall and Zola Levitt (Moody, 96 pp., \$3.95) A study of the 38th and 39th chapters of the book of Ezekiel with the interpretation of these chapters as a picture of a Russian-Arab attack on Israel back in her own land. This is a fascinating story of these two prophetic chapters written by a scholarly man who fully understands biblical interpretation. In this day when so much is happening in the Middle East this book should have a wide reading.

**I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH** by Alfred F. Kuen translated by Ruby Lindblad (Moody Press, 366 pp., \$6.95) The author is a French theologian and professor. In this volume he studies the New Testament teaching of the church especially in the light of the modern day concepts of the church. He shows the difference between the state church idea which he calls the "multitudinist" church and the free church. The multitudinist churches are those churches which baptize the infants into the fellowship of the church. These would include such groups as Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism and others. The free churches are those who baptize only believers. This book shows that the New Testament concept is that which is held by the free churches. The author does look upon the true church as the "universal church" being made up of all true believers, but much of his writing relates to the local aspect of that church, for he deals with the local churches as a part of the true church. There are numerous valuable chapters on the doctrines of salvation, baptism, and other teachings of the New Testament. The only solution or the solution which the author sees to the present church problems caused by the multitudinist idea is for another Reformation. This is a valuable volume for those who want to make a careful study of the New Testament church, although many Baptists holding their own convictions about what the New Testament teaches concerning the church will have some reservations relative to some statements.

**FILLED WITH NEW WINE** by James W. Jones (Harper & Row, 141 pp., \$5.95) A theologian makes an in-depth study of the "Charismatic Renewal of the Church" seeks to understand the Pentecostal or Charismatic Movement and to explain its meaning. He shows weaknesses and strengths of the movement and says that much of the present day development is of the Holy Spirit. His main emphasis is how this spiritual movement can bring renewal to the church.

**HOW TO STAY YOUNGER WHILE GROWING OLDER** by Reuel L. Howe (Word Books, \$5.95, 168 pp.) Writing from the standpoint of almost three score and ten, Mr. Howe draws on his own life — his experience as clergyman, pastoral counselor, and educator — to offer helpful insights on the matter of aging. He says it is a matter of attitude.

**CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYONE!** by Elizabeth Webster Watson (Broadman Press, 60 cents, paper, 22 pages) In this brief Christmas play, old and young capture the spirit of the season. Young people sing carols in a nursing home and in the unfolding action the old discover that Christmas also is for them.

**LET'S TAKE A WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE** by Milton H. Jones (Dorrance & Company, 207 pp., \$6.95) A survey of the Bible story. The author is a layman whose love for the Bible led him to read it continuously since he was about 12 years of age. Now he has tried to summarize what he finds in the word. Most of the book deals with the Old Testament with only the last three chapters presenting the New. The author sees many of the experiences of the Biblical record as a foreview of experiences in our lives today.

**THE JESUS ESTABLISHMENT** by Johannes Lehman (Doubleday, 212 pp., \$5.95) An interpretation of the Christian religion in the New Testament by a man who does not believe it as it ordinarily is accepted by Christians. We are thankful that there are other scholars who are just as sure that we do have the truth in the New Testament.

**BARBARA LEMMOND:** On God's farm there are no fences.

## NEWEST BOOKS

**PRIESTS TO EACH OTHER** by Carlyle Marney (Judson Press, paper, \$2.95, 128 pp.) Dr. Marney says that only as Christians go out into the world as representatives of the church, sustained and supported by one another, can they hope to communicate the gospel to people in the world.

**TO SEE THE WIND** by Marie Walston (Judson Press, \$4.95, 127 pp.) The author of THESE WERE MY HILLS here tells another story full of folklore and the warmth of simple mountain folk.

**IF I COULD FIND GOD** by John Seamon (Judson Press, 110 pp., paper, \$2.95) A new, exciting innovative study book, on the anguish and faith in the book of Job.

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# Early Christians: A Worshiping People

Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 10:31 to 11:1; Colossians 3:12-17; James 2:1-4; I Peter 4:7-11

By William J. Fallis

When Jesus was crucified, his disciples were grief-stricken and bewildered. His resurrection brought them new joy and hope during the forty days of his appearances. After his ascension, the disciples stayed together "in prayer and supplication." Then at Pentecost came the gift of the Spirit to empower them for their tasks.

These were the "new people" through whom the living God was seeking men and women. These one hundred twenty believers were Jews for whom Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah, the Christ. They were convinced that God had worked uniquely in Jesus, and they had accepted him as Lord of their lives. Besides their power from the Spirit, their second characteristic was that they were at worshiping people.

The Lesson Explained  
Fellowship In Praying And Sharing  
Acts 2:42-45

When Peter explained to the crowd what had happened to the disciples

in the upper room, he launched into a great sermon, and three thousand Jews accepted Jesus as the Messiah. In the weeks that followed, these new believers had to be taught many things about Jesus and the Scriptures interpreted by the apostles. "Doctrine" here means teaching rather than a statement of faith. They learned to enjoy being together, in breaking bread, and in praying. "Breaking bread" normally refers to a meal, but here it may mean the Lord's Supper, the love feast, or both. It was probably an experience of worship, as were the prayers.

These experiences of fellowship, study, and prayer set a tempo and mood for the believers so that, as one translator says, "A sense of awe was everywhere." In that atmosphere the apostles were able to do "many wonders and signs." Having found a warm satisfaction in sharing their faith, the believers were ready to share their possessions. The money from selling those possessions went into a common fund, and it was distributed according to the needs of the people. Their devotion to Jesus as Christ and Lord had met a critical test: their worship loosened their purse strings. Together in Temple and Home  
Acts 2:46-47

Because of the strained relations

that eventually developed between Christians and Jews, some may be surprised that the believers were still going to the Temple. But we must remember that they were still Jews; Jews was the fulfillment of the Jewish hope for the Messiah. Christian Jews continued to worship at the Temple until it was destroyed in A. D. 70. Besides daily trips to the Temple, the believers were also "breaking bread from house to house." Just as the Passover was celebrated at home, so the Lord's Supper was eaten at home—each one a household church.

Their worship was not the kind that seeks to avoid notice. It was a joyous celebration; they knew God had done great things for Israel, and they wanted to let the world know they were praising God. Their enthusiasm was contagious; other people liked what they heard and saw. So the worship and sharing and joy became fruitful "good-news-ism," evangelism, and those who were being saved God added to the church. This is a better translation of the verb than "should be saved."

Giving God The Glory

I Peter 4:7-11

First Peter must have been written during a time of persecution, and in verse 7 it is clear that believers then thought the end of the world order

was near. That was reason enough for the apostle to stress essential things. As one translator has put it: "Keep cool and pray!" Nothing must interfere with their love (active goodwill) for one another because it can hide a host of their own shortcomings. One way to show that goodwill was to be hospitable, always with a gracious spirit. Traveling Christians should feel welcome in the home of a brother in Christ; skill in making someone feel welcome is a gift, Peter may have thought.

Another gift from God is the ability to preach, and another is the ability to serve. However the Christian might use his gift, whatever he might offer in worship, it ought to be done with full awareness that God is the giver so that "God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ." Worship is more than listening, praying, and singing; it is an experience of communion with God and giving oneself to him, sometimes through service to others.

## Dr. Lewis Rhodes To Retire In June

Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, for fifteen years, has announced that he will retire on June 29, 1975. Ordained in July, 1940, he has been a pastor for 34 years.

Born at New Augusta, Mississippi, Dr. Rhodes received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

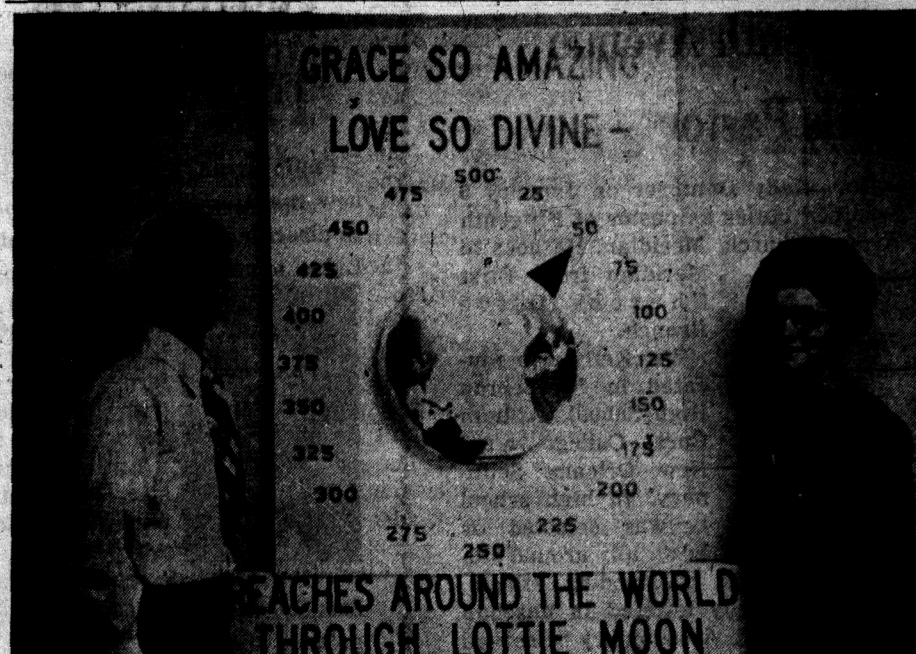
His Mississippi pastorates have included Sharon, Long Beach; Red Creek Union, Perkinston; Magnolia, Vanceville; Mt. Pleasant; Bogue Chitto; Mt. Moriah, Bogue Chitto; and Daniel Memorial, Jackson, the latter for seven years (1953-60).

He and Mrs. Rhodes, the former Edwina Chisolm of Meridian, have two daughters, Sheryl and Marcia.

While in Mississippi he was chairman of the trustees of Clarke College, first vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and president of the Jackson Ministerial Association. He has served as a member of both the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

In more recent years, National Broadcasting Company presented a "Faith in Action" series using Dr. Rhodes' address, "Southern Baptists Confronting the Challenge of a Disordered Society."

Concerning his plans for the future, Dr. Rhodes states, "Tentatively, our plans include a vacation in Alaska beginning June 30. Without planning, we expect to be active. With good health and time and bread, many good things can happen. I will be somewhere or between some 'wheres,' reading, listening to music, eating with friends, enjoying my family, hiking in the woods and on the beach, maybe writing if the urge comes. To have options is one aspect of freedom. Our plans now are to live here in Knoxville."



## Northcrest Exceeds LM Goal

Jim Harrison and Mrs. Chris Cornelius at Northcrest, Meridian, smile and say "The red arrow has been all the way around and is back to 50!" In 1972 the church gave less than \$70 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In 1973, receipts were more than double the \$200 goal. For 1974 Jim Harrison, who is "really involved" for the first time in his Christian experience, asked Mrs. Cornelius, WMU director, if he might use his own ideas and make the poster for her. His poster became a challenge to all who saw it and the goal of \$500 was exceeded by \$50.



## Clarke Surpasses Lottie Moon Goal

Each year Clarke College students enter into observance of the Foreign Missions Week of Prayer with eagerness and dedication. The offering goal is set by vote of the student body and casual observers would consider the figure unreasonably high for the student body of the junior college. But year by year the goal is surpassed by a generous margin. Clarke students set \$3,250 as the 1974 goal. The amount reached was \$3,325 — goal surpassed again!

## Salem (Kemper) Over Goal

Salem Church (Kemper) exceeded their Lottie Moon goal of \$400 by \$84.72. E. G. Palmer, treasurer, stated, "This is the largest check we have ever made to the Cooperative Program for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." Pictured are Rev. Robert E. Armstrong, pastor, and E. G. Palmer holding the check and overflowing thermometer used in tabulating the collection.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Pointing Others To Christ

Matt. 3:1-6; 11:2-11; Luke 3:7-20

By Bill Duncan

As one considers the disciples of Jesus Christ, he is struck with the truth: there is potential in every man.

As we study this unit "Fulfilling a Mission for Christ," let us look at the ordinary type of persons He selected. Very few would have been Rhodes scholars or the "most likely to succeed." Yet God used them! He is still using ordinary men.

An unheard of nobody named Edward Kimball once taught a Sunday School class. One of his students was a young fellow who worked at a shoe store. One day Kimball paid him a visit at the store and led him to Christ in the back room as he was putting shoes away on the shelf. That man was Dwight L. Moody, who went on to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

While visiting the British Isles, Moody preached in a little chapel whose pastor was a young man with the imposing name of Frederic Brotherton Meyer. During the sermon, Moody told an emotionally charged story about a Sunday School teacher he had known in Chicago who found out that he had very little time left to live and who personally went to each pupil in his class and led every one of them to a saving faith in Christ.

Pastor Meyer was moved by the story, but one of the teachers of the senior girl's class in his church was so impressed that she told it to her class of girls and later reported to Meyer that "I believe everyone of my girls has given her heart to God."

The teacher's report shook Meyer to the toes and changed his entire ministry. Meyer later testified that he owed everything to that moment where for the first time he found what it meant to be broken-hearted about sin and how to point men to God.

John the Baptist did not conform to the normal idea of a priest or preacher of his day or ours. The ecclesiastical authorities of that day looked upon him with suspicion. But

remember the church always runs the danger of condemning a new way of doing things just because it is new. In John's day, as well as ours, there was hardly any institution in the world which resented change as much as the church did.

John's function was to be only the preparer of the way. Any greatness he had came from the greatness of the one whose coming he foretold. John is the one great example of the man prepared to obliterate himself in order that Jesus Christ may be seen. He was only, as he saw it, a finger-post pointing to Christ. But God positioned him so that he got the attention of the masses. We need to forget ourselves and to remember that our primary mission is to point men to Christ. It may mean that we simply draw the curtain and let Jesus occupy the lonely center of the stage.

John the Baptist's message as presented by Matthew was chiefly about the Kingdom of Heaven and the "Coming One." John saw the Kingdom chiefly in terms of judgment, so he used analogies like an axe at the base of a tree, fire to burn trash, or the winnowing rake to separate wheat from chaff. He called men to repent of sin and turn to God.

John called his hearers to repentance, or change of mind. The term repent means to be converted. In the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven, God's sovereign rule, one is to turn to God in submission. Repentance is man taking his position as subject before God as King. The term Christ designates the "Coming One" as anointed of God to reign. The people of God are those who yield in submission to the Kingdom of God as it confronts them in Christ.

The message of John was to point out the need for people to prepare their hearts and lives in accord with God's rule. He pointed out that Christ was coming. He also pointed out that Christ had come. Jesus Christ is the Lord who is coming and has come to save his people.

The baptism of John in water signified a new situation for those who repented and confessed their sins. The mode of baptism presupposes repentance and confession of sin. It was their way of identifying with the people of God.

John's way of life was very humble: simple clothes, simple food, and simple lodging. But the words, "not worthy to carry Jesus' sandals," describe the man. He kept telling the people that he was not the "Coming One."

When Jesus went to him to be baptized, John protested, saying he was unworthy to baptize one who had no sin to confess. However, Jesus insisted and John did. The reason Jesus wanted to be baptized was to endorse John's baptism and to identify with those people who responded to John's call.

God always looks for obedience, faith, and willingness to learn, in the lives of the persons who will be his witnesses. Humility is the first step in one's relationship to God!

John was best seen in his words when he said, "I must decrease but He must increase." Over and over he avows that he is not even worthy to be the Messiah's slave.

John was arrested for his strong statements about the King. When the King had him arrested and brought to the palace, he thought he could get John to take back his condemnation

of the king's adulterous marriage. John did not waver.

There he was — depressed, jailed, and limited from doing his mission. John had said that Jesus was the "Coming One." But in the light of what had happened to him, he was doubting, but he also had confidence. John sent word, "Are you the one who is coming or shall we look for another?"

John's uncertainty about Jesus grew out of the kind of ministry Jesus was pursuing. The message of John had been judgment upon the unrepentant. He was in prison and Herod was living in luxury and power. Apparently he wanted Jesus to take a more direct and outward charge of the world around him. It may have been that he thought Jesus was too humble—Peter and others did.

Jesus did not reject or belittle John for his honest doubt or uncertainty about the identity of Jesus. He told the disciple to go back and tell what he had seen. Jesus' coming was an inevitable judgment; yet its intention was to heal, cleanse, restore, free, and empower all who would receive the salvation he offered. It is significant that Jesus made the preaching of the gospel to the poor, and not miracles, his crowning work. To the situation Jesus gave another beatitude, "Blessed are those who do not stumble over the fact that his ministry is that of a servant rather than that of an outward conqueror."

Jesus then defends John against any suspicion that he was weak or wavering. John may have been puzzled or uncertain, but there is no question about his courage, dedication or sincerity. John was a saved person, but he was in no position to see the true nature and manifestation of the Kingdom. Jesus said that John fulfilled the role associated with the name Elijah. John's denial of this role was only that of refusing any role of importance.

The best picture of John pointing men to Jesus is when he announced that Jesus was "the Lamb of God." Two of his disciples followed Jesus away and became the first disciples of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever been lost in a city while looking for someone? Wasn't it wonderful to find directions? John stood and pointed men to God. He was a finger pointing right.

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## SBC President Weber's Father Dies

ST LANDRY, La. (BP) — Edward Weber, 82, the father of Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber, died here Jan. 21.

Surviving in addition to Jaroy Weber, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Tex., are the late Mr. Weber's widow and a daughter, Mrs. D. K. Cassell of Charlotte, N. C.

## Freeman Pierce Accepts Call Of Braxton Church

Rev. Freeman Pierce, formerly the associate pastor of Antioch Church in Florence, has accepted the call of New Zion Church of Braxton to be the pastor.

Rev. Pierce was with the Antioch Church for two years.

He is married to the former Faye Ross of Florence; and they have two children, Tony and Stacy.



## Fifteenth Avenue Calls Pastor

Rev. Kelly Dampeer on January 6 assumed duties as pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian. He goes to Meridian from First Church, Olive Branch.

Mr. Kelly was educated in Newhebron High School, William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. In high school he was selected as best-all-around student, and most outstanding athlete. In college Kelly lettered in baseball and basketball. At seminary he served on the student government association.

Special honors during his ministry have included service on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; service on the Baptist Record Advisory Committee; and a Certificate of Recognition from the Evangelism Department for preaching a revival at First Baptist Church, Juneau, Alaska, in 1973.

He is married to the former Linda Hedgepeth of Monticello. The Dampeers have two daughters, Kathy and Karen, and are expecting their third child.

## Damascus Calls Rev. V. R. Crider

Rev. V. R. Crider is back into the full-time pastorate again. He has served as associate pastor and in supply work for the past three years.

He was called as pastor of Damascus Church in Hinds - Madison Association in December. He will continue to serve as associate to the Cleary pastor, Rev. Dale Holloway, at Florence.

## Rev. Frank Coker Dies

Rev. Frank Coker, 82, retired Baptist minister, and resident of Tunica, died in a Tunica hospital recently. Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery in Magnolia.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lanie Simmons Coker; daughters, Miss Lavelle Coker, Tunica; Mrs. Bernice Crawford, Chicago, Ill.; four brothers, and one sister.

## Names In The News

Philip Lynn Madden is the new minister of music and youth director at First Church, Horn Lake, a graduate of Mississippi College, he recently finished Southwestern Seminary, with a master's degree in church music. Previous experience for Mr. Madden as

minister of music and youth has been at Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland, and First Church, Bridgeport, Texas. He is married to the former Linda Alice Shirley of Flowood. Rev. Billy E. Roby is pastor of First Church, Horn Lake.

Gordon Berry, pictured of Greenwood, has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Calvary Church, Greenwood. The pastor of Calvary is Rev. Rayford Duck.

Sharber Smith is now in full time evangelism. Converted in 1965, he began preaching a short time later. He has been a rodeo performer since he was a teenager, and his experience as a professional rodeo clown has given birth to Sparky, the Gospel Clown. Together Sharber and Sparky make a unique team that is being used in revivals, crusades, youth retreats, and other meetings. He has conducted children's services for evangelists such as E. J. Daniels and Freddie Gage. Ann Marie Fairchild, gospel ventriloquist, has written a small, attractive book titled SPARKY THE GOSPEL CLOWN. Both a storybook and a coloring book, it carries an evangelistic message, and has been distributed to children attending gospel crusades, for as little as 25 cents each. Sharber Smith (or Sparky the Clown) may be contacted at 3061 Fendley Avenue, Mobile, Alabama 36606 (phone 205-478-8227).



Joseph Stephen Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackson has been ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Aberdeen. His call to serve came from Lone Pine Church east of Canton where he has served as youth director for the past year. An honor graduate of Aberdeen High School, he was among the four members of his class to be named to the Hall of Fame. He is now a sophomore at MC. He delivered his first sermon on his sixteenth birthday at Prairie Church and since then has delivered sermons throughout Monroe County. Rev. Ferrell Cork is pastor of First Aberdeen.

Philadelphia Church of Etta (Lafayette Association) recently licensed William R. Tubbs to the gospel ministry.

Mr. Tubbs, pictured, is a deacon in his church and also is Sunday School director. He feels led to preach the gospel as a layman and has preached in several churches during the past year. He is available for supply.

NASHVILLE —Daryl Heath, children's work consultant for nine years, has been promoted to consultant in small Sunday School work in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

In his new position Heath will work with state Sunday School secretaries and associational leaders to help meet the needs of small Sunday Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Joao Filson Soren was honored with a reception on January 4 by the first Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The occasion was his 40th anniversary as pastor of that church. Dr. Soren was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Rio, on January 1, 1935. His inauguration as their pastor was held on that same occasion. At the reception, the church presented to him a bronze plaque, engraved with words from Exodus 14:15, "Forward, march!" Dr. Soren, 66, is a graduate of Rio Baptist College, South Brazil Seminary, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is a seminary teacher, journalist and writer, and is also well known for his radio ministry. He is a former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Carlos Vieira of Rio states, "An entire generation of this church has received spiritual guidance from the teachings and example of the pastor and his wife, Mrs. Niecea Miranda Soren. The members of the church feel a deep and everlasting sense of gratitude to them."

Jimmy Richardson was ordained to the deacon ministry by Bayou View Church, Gulfport, January 26. He

is a member of the Adult Choir, and the ensemble, "Revelations." He is chairman of the church's Public Relations Committee, and a member of the Youth Council. His wife, Robbie, is associational Acteens director. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have two children, Adelle 4, and Ryan Grey, 4 months. Rev. Tom Gautier is pastor at Bayou View.

Mrs. Betsy Maxcy has joined the staff of First Church, Tupelo, as pastor's secretary. She is a graduate of Delta State, is married to Ed Maxcy, and is the mother of a 10-month-old daughter, Rosanne. Rev. Billy T. Nimmons is the pastor.

Tracy Martin has been called as assistant to the pastor, and director of the children's worship at Ingalls Avenue, Pascagoula. Dr. Allen Webb is the pastor.



## 100 Years Old

Miss Ella Yarbrough, a resident of the Mississippi Nursing Home in Jackson, celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 5 at a party in the home of her nephew, Buster Whittington of Crystal Springs. The honor guest received many gifts. Her nieces, Mrs. Carl Grantham and Mrs. Lonnie Myers, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Whittington in giving the party.

David Boyd, native of Pensacola, Florida, is entering full-time evangelism. He has attended

Perkinson Jr. College, graduated from Mobile Baptist College, and has attended New Orleans Seminary. He states that he desires to be used of God to help pastors and churches in any way he can (revivals, crusades, Bible study, youth meetings, and other avenues of service). He plays the piano and sings gospel songs, feels that with him these take a secondary place in relation to his preaching the good news of Christ. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 975, Pensacola, Florida, 32505 (Phone: 904-968-2810).

W. James Colle, former employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 13 years, has been named landscape architect in the board's church architecture department.

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have named Van Simpson, an employee for six years in the personnel department, as manager of the systems department.

Graham Boutwell, pictured, a senior at William Carey, has accepted the call by the Angle Church, Angle

Louisiana as minister of music and youth. He will continue his studies at William Carey until graduation in May. He is a former member of the Troubadours Quartet, later called the Trailmen Quartet of Laurel. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Boutwell of Piquette. Rev. John C. Gould is pastor at Angle.

Mr. Moseley was recently ordained to the ministry by Hillcrest Church, Laurel, where he had previously been licensed. Rev. W. A. McWilliams is the Hillcrest pastor.

## Fair Ridge Calls

## Rev. Slater Moseley

Fair Ridge Church at Stringer (Jasper County) has called Rev. Slater Moseley as pastor.

Mr. Moseley was recently ordained to the ministry by Hillcrest Church, Laurel, where he had previously been licensed. Rev. W. A. McWilliams is the Hillcrest pastor.



Mt. Vernon (Holmes) has awarded perfect Sunday School attendance to the above: Left to right, front row, Kathy Gelston, seven years; Lyndal Gelston, five years. Back row, Earl Aldridge, ten years, and Kathy Green, six years.

## Off The Record

Morty Guntz mentions the woman who reported a thief had stolen \$50 worth of groceries from her car: "Took it right out of the glove compartment!" —EARL WILSON.

When a mother remarried after 15 years of widowhood, all four of her grown children were delighted.

After the ceremony, the youngest son expressed his feelings by passing out cigars and proclaiming: "It's a Dad!" —Grit.

Bringing his car into the shop for the 1500-mile inspection, a motorist was asked by the service manager: "Is there anything the matter with it?" The motorist responded: "Well, there's only one part of it that doesn't make a noise, and that's the horn."

Johnny: "I fell into a mud puddle." Mother: "What? With your new pants on?" Johnny: "Yeah, I fell in so fast I didn't have time to take them off."

A teacher in Chicago had one first grader who was always in trouble. He brought chewing gum, fire crackers, dice, just about anything to get attention. The other morning the principal came by and observed the first grade teacher kissing and hugging the lad. "He must be doing better," he said, "with all the loving and hugging." "What loving and hugging?" replied the teacher. "I was frisking him."

## Hearing Loss is not a Sign of Old Age

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## Note Burnings And Ground Breakings



Providence (Grenada) a few weeks ago broke ground for a new church building. Their old building, which was the oldest church in the county, burned last March. Rev. Archie Fleming, pastor, was in charge of the ground breaking ceremony, with over forty present. Holding the shovels: Bill Worsham, chairman, Building Committee; Monroe Williams, chairman of deacons; Randy Floyd, chairman of Planning Committee; and Pastor Fleming.



A note-burning was recently held by First Church, Tchula. The sanctuary, educational building, and parsonage, plus a number of improvements, are now debt-free. Participating, from the left were: former pastor Rev. Jasper Neal, Jr.; Pate Johnson, financial secretary; J. P. Love, chairman of deacons; C. C. Wade, church treasurer; and Rev. Clayton C. Bath, pastor. Also recognized were all of the deacons who were serving 21 years ago when the building programs began and are still serving.

## Jackson County Appoints Director, Language Ministries

Jackson County Association has called Rev. J. Paul Vandercook as director of language ministries. Mr. Vandercook will serve as coordinator of the ministry to seamen, Indians, and other internationals of the area.

Born in Jackson, he graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has had previous experience as a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board; as pastor; and as assistant director of the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service (his father is director of that service).

Rev. Zeno Wells is Jackson County's superintendent of missions.

## First, Louise Gives Pastor's Wife Trip To Germany

First Church, Louise, is sending their pastor's wife "back home" to Munich, Germany, for 22 days. John Henry Cotton, member of the church, presented a check from the congregation during morning worship service, January 12.

Rev. Dan Mobley has been pastor at First, Louise since September, 1974 having moved there from Morgan City. He met his wife, the former Mary Forstner, while he was in the armed services. She has been living in the States since 1956, and has not been to Europe for a visit in four years. Within the next week or two she will be leaving for Munich, where she will see her mother.

The Mobleys have two sons, ages 18 and 19.

## BBI Alumni To Meet During Evangelism Conference

Rev. Derral J. Foreman, president of the Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute Alumni Association, announces that this group will meet during the State Evangelism Conference in Clarksdale. This will be a noon luncheon on Tuesday, February 4, at the Ponderosa, Highway 61 South.

He says it is not necessary to make reservations in order to attend this meeting. All alumni are urged to attend.

## Endville Calls Rev. Partee Tutor

Endville Church, Pontotoc County, has called Rev. Partee Tutor as pastor. Mr. Tutor and his wife, Shirley have moved on the field.

The Tutors moved to Endville from Shiloh Church, Lafayette County, where they served almost four years.

On Saturday night, January 18, the Endville Church gave their pastor and wife a surprise pounding. Food, money, and household items were given to them.

"Our Cooperative Program is answering a prayer... the prayer of every heart that truly yearns to obey the Master, even the prayer of the Lord himself." — William H. Pitt, Sr.

## Devotional

## It Is Sufficient

By Don McGregor, Associate Editor, The Baptist Record  
As a seminary student, older than most at 27, I knelt beside the bed in my apartment to seek direction. I was familiar with the admonition to "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations..." I had moved my family from Midland, Texas, where I had worked on the newspaper and at the radio station, to Fort Worth to attend Southwestern Seminary, because I wanted to answer a call to become involved in the "Go ye" process in a more direct way.

I was leading singing in a small church in Midland when I realized that the Lord was using that experience to point to a different approach. During a revival led by evangelist J. C. Pennington of Oklahoma and singer Carlos Gruber of Texas I made the decision to make this step of moving to Fort Worth to study for what I supposed would be the ministry of music and education. Serving wherever I could would be better than being in the wrong place, I knew, though I didn't see myself as a music and education director, particularly.

Thus the plea for direction. The prayer was that if the Lord wanted me to stay at the seminary and pursue the course that I was following, I would surely do it. If there was something else, if He would point the way I would do the very best I could to go. I simply wanted to be sure of direction.

The next morning as I walked past the telephone on my way to class, it rang. It was Walker Knight, the associate editor of the Baptist Standard, and I was being asked to go over to Dallas to discuss the possibility of my going to work there. I spent 16 years with the Baptist Standard, working with three editors—David M. Gardner, E. S. James, and John J. Hurt. When Walker left the staff to go to the Home Mission Board, I became associate editor. Then I became an editor myself for two happy years in California. They were lonely years family-wise, however, as we found ourselves spread too far apart while members were still in formative stages.

Interspersed were four years working for the Dallas Times Herald, in public relations for an insurance company, and in an artist's studio. All of these relationships were great teaching experiences, as was running my own weekly newspaper for a year. There have been times along the way when I was called on to exhibit more faith than I supposed I had.

Now I find myself in this very happy situation in Mississippi. The road to here has been long and sometimes strange. As I look back down that road to that seminary prayer time, however, I am reminded that the concluding words of the Great Commission are as important as the opening command to "Go ye..." The Master said, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

It is sufficient.

## Basketball At BMC

The "Hilltoppers" of Blue Mountain College will play basketball with the following teams in January and February. All games listed will be played in BMC's Tyler Gymnasium on the campus:

January 21, Mississippi State University, at 6:30 p.m.; January 28, University of Mississippi at 7 p.m.; February 8, Mississippi University for Women at 6:30 p.m.; February 11, Memphis State University at 7 p.m. and February 18, Lambuth College at 7 p.m.

Tickets for all games will be available in the foyer of Tyler Gymnasium. Johnnie Armstrong and Mari Hubbard, coaches, invite the public.

## Itta Bena Calls Pastor

Rev. Wilbur B. Webb, pastor for the last four years of the Marion Church, Marion, Kentucky, is now

pastor of First Church, Itta Bena. A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, he was serving his second term on the Executive Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has been pastor in Kentucky, Arkansas and Mississippi, including Ruleville and First, Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb have three sons, Doug, Robin and Larry. Mrs. Webb is also a graduate of Mississippi College.